

ATTACHMENT E – FELLOW CANDIDATE ESSAY/PERSONAL STATEMENT – PON 4772

Climate Justice Fellowship



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FELLOW CANDIDATE INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Host Employer

ESSAY / PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach to this form an essay or personal statement briefly describing why you are the ideal candidate for this fellowship opportunity. **It is required that you explain why you should be considered as an individual currently residing in a Disadvantaged Community or from a Priority Population as defined on the NYSERDA's Clean Energy Workforce Development “[Definitions](#)” page.** The essay or personal statement should not exceed one (1) page in length.

Consider addressing any of the following questions in your essay or personal statement:

- How did you decide to do the work you are pursuing? Describe any specific experience(s) that brought you into this type of work. If you do not have relevant experiences, what about this position interests you?
- Detail your skills and abilities that would contribute to participation in this fellowship. Include additional skills that make you unique.
- Explain specific adversities, hardships, or disadvantages that you have had to confront and overcome. How did these experiences impact you and your work?
- How are you thinking about the different intersections of social and environmental issues?
- How do you think about community and how might this fellowship be an opportunity to build, be in, and give back to your communities?
- How do principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion relate to your study, work, and leadership?

Ideal fellow candidates are:

- Committed to the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the environmental and social change fields.
- Willing to actively contribute to the Fellowship and take advantage of its benefits including eagerness to connect with and learn from others.
- Active in and give back to their community.
- Looking to build their personal and community leadership skills.



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