



## OCIA R&E Micro Grant (Education) Report

A total of \$3,602 was offered in scholarships for Seed School Denver and \$1,300 from OCIA – thank you from all of us for supporting Seed Saving education! Individuals who received assistance were mostly in their 20's with a handful between 30 and 50 years of age. A bit more information about Seed School Denver scholarship recipients is listed below.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Cultural Background</u> | <u>Employment</u>                                     |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|
| Amelia      | White                      | Denver Public Library Employee                        |
| Hannah      | White                      | Graduate Student in Colorado                          |
| Jeffrey     | Filipino                   | Philippines Department of Agriculture Employee        |
| Kuwa        | Ghanaian                   | Educator in Colorado                                  |
| Leah        | White                      | Seed Business Owner in Alaska                         |
| Mayo        | Filipino                   | Undergraduate Professor of Anthropology in California |
| Maia        | White                      | Undergraduate Student in Vermont                      |
| Maria       | Filipino                   | Gardener in Upstate New York                          |
| Mioux       | UmoNhoN Nation             | Early Childhood Educator in Nebraska                  |

Seed School Denver took place on October 20-25, 2019 at the Posner Center in Denver, Colorado. Among information covered at Seed School Denver was technical information on how to save seeds, latin nomenclature 101, an introduction to growing and saving seed from grains, cultural considerations, seed identification, and hands-on seed cleaning activities at the Denver Botanical Gardens. Our 22 participants exchanged seeds the last evening at a Seed Share. People not only shared seed, classmates enjoyed at least two meals together each day.

Most scholarship recipients are educators who intend to take this information back to their students or their local community. People left the course with an introductory knowledge in seed saving and an expanded community to support their individual seed saving endeavors.

For those who may be interested to expand their seed saving knowledge and skills we invite you to attend an inspiring six-day **Seed & Grain Experience May 3 – 8, 2020** at the Miracle Mile in Idaho with geothermal hot spring in **Buhl, ID**. Register at <https://rockymountainseeds.org/>

Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance (RMSA) wants to give a big thank you to Organic Crop Improvement Association's Research & Education Micro Grant Program for helping to inspire, educate, and connect a new generation of seed savers.

Wishing you joy and abundance in 2020,



RMSA Staff