

New Hampshire Wildlife Federation Scholarship Award Applicant/School Information Sheet

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist and encourage students in the area of environmental studies relating to conservation and wildlife management at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors with at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent grade point average.
2. Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e., junior college, community college, technical college, college or university).
3. Students must support conservation and the preservation of the hunting, fishing and trapping traditions and ideally actively participate in a related activity.
4. Students should be involved in some extracurricular school activities (i.e., FFA, Ecology Club, Science Club, Student Council, Sports, Music, etc.)
5. Students should demonstrate some community involvement (i.e., scouting, 4-H, civic group or club, or volunteer work, or have an affiliation with a conservation, wildlife or sportsmen's organization).
6. Student must submit an essay and short autobiography exhibiting an interest and dedication to wildlife/conservation. (See application form)
7. Three letters of recommendation must be attached to the application (i.e., teacher, counselor, community leader or clergy).
8. Students must submit complete applications of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation by February 1.
9. Employees and Board Members of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation and their families are eligible to participate in the program under the guidelines provided to insure the fair selection of winners.
10. It is recommended, but not required, that financial need of applicants be part of the selection process.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Schools/students will submit applicant names and qualifications on an official scholarship application form, along with the required attachments, to the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation by February 1.

2. The scholarship advisory committee will utilize a numerical judging form to fairly review, evaluate and rank applicants on each criterion. Candidates meeting or exceeding eligibility qualifications will be proposed for available scholarships by February 15.
3. The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation Board of Directors must ratify scholarship award recommendations at the February meeting.
4. Individual scholarship award winners will be notified by April 1.

SCHOLARSHIP LEVELS

1. “Local” scholarship winners will receive a minimum of \$250. Statewide scholarship winners will receive a minimum of \$1,000.
2. Depending on available resources, the value and number of scholarships awarded may vary annually.
3. If funds are available, multiple awards may be given in conjunction with other wildlife/conservation organizations (i.e., the New Hampshire Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, etc.)
4. A State scholarship winner may qualify for consideration for a National Wild Turkey Federation scholarship of \$10,000.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Students may use their scholarship at any accredited institution stated above. The money must be used towards tuition, fees, books and housing. The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation, if requested, will work with the student and the college financial aid officer in determining the payee when the check is issued. They will ensure the greatest benefit to the individual recipient and avoid any violation of eligibility requirements. This is a one-time award for one year.

PRESENTATION

1. The New Hampshire Wildlife Federation scholarship award winners will be announced to the public and presented at the Annual Banquet, usually in April.
2. Current scholarship winners are encouraged to attend the banquet awards ceremony.

New Hampshire Wildlife Federation Scholarship Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Please type or print)

Today's date _____ / _____ / _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number () _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

High School _____ Expected graduation date _____ / _____ / _____

College Preference _____

Proposed major area of study and any possible minor considered _____

Describe any personal or family circumstances which make it necessary to seek some aid for your education

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List membership or participation in school-related organizations or activities (i.e., Honor Society, FFA, Science Club, Ecology Club, Student Council, Sports, Music, etc.) and note any elected leadership offices you held and any awards or honors you received.

List any activities that demonstrate some community involvement or service (i.e., Scouts, 4-H, civic group or club, or volunteer work including membership in any conservation, wildlife or sportmen's organization. Note any awards or honors you received.

List any work experience that showed some commitment on your part (i.e., after school, summers, etc.) volunteer or paid.

Employer _____ When _____ to _____ Position Held _____
_____ When _____ to _____ Position Held _____

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Write a brief autobiography explaining why you would be a good investment if you are awarded this scholarship. Include any experiences and background that demonstrate your interest and dedication to areas of conservation. Indicate your educational and career goals. Autobiography must be typewritten and double spaced and should not exceed three pages.

ESSAY

Write a brief essay describing why outdoor recreation activities, wildlife, conservation or environmental issues are important to you and your family. Essay must be typewritten and double spaced and should not exceed three pages.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By signing this form, I grant the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation the unconditional rights to use my name, photograph, and essay in connection with press releases and/or publications. I also certify that I read and meet the eligibility requirements for the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant

_____/_____/_____
Date

SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL INFORMATION

Applicant current grade point average _____ on a _____ scale

Applicant's PSAT/SAT Scores (averaged) _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Principal

_____/_____/_____
Date

NOTE

1. You may attach additional sheets to the application if needed.
2. All required information, enclosures and signed forms must be received by the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation by February 1.
3. Mail complete packet to:
New Hampshire Wildlife Federation
Attention: Scholarship Advisory Committee
54 Portsmouth Street
Concord, NH 03301