SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

To promote the preservation, awareness, and appreciation of our environment, the Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Inc. offers scholarships to students who are pursuing careers in fish and wildlife management, environmental education and science, and related fields. The Friends of Blackwater, a registered 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1987, is a nonprofit organization whose mission in part is assisting the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and the National Wildlife Refuge System to carry out public use missions which include education, interpretation, and wildlife oriented recreation.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Three annual scholarships, one each of $3000, $2000, and $1000 may be awarded to qualified applicants to be paid directly to their chosen college. The scholarships are to be used for tuition, college fees, books, supplies, and equipment, if required of all other students in the registered courses.

WHO CAN APPLY

Scholarships are available to students whose home residences are in Maryland and will be entering their junior or senior year or a graduate program at the end of their present college term. Students receiving full scholarships from another source or combination of sources are not eligible.

WHAT IS REQUIRED

Applications must be postmarked on or before the annual deadline of March 15th. Applications not meeting all these requirements will not be considered. The specific items required as part of the application are:

- Completed application form
- Proof of enrollment from the college
- Copies of grade transcripts from your college through the previous semester. A minimum college overall GPA of 3.0 is required.
- Three letters of recommendation including one from your college advisor
- A typed essay describing career goals and desired contribution to your field of study. The essay should be no more than 4 double spaced typed pages, 12 pt. font, with 1-inch margins.
- A list of other scholarships being applied for and those received to date. State if none have been applied for or received.

APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMISSION

Applicants need to print out the application form from the Internet link listed below,

www.friendsofblackwater.org/scholarship.html

If further information is needed, please contact fobscholarship@gmail.com

Applicants will be notified no later than July 1 as to whether they have been awarded a scholarship. Selection will be based on the merit of the application, without regard to race, gender, religion, or nationality.

Send completed application packages consisting of the application form along with the other required items listed above to The Friends of Blackwater at the address below.

Scholarship Committee
Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Inc.
PO Box 1231
Cambridge MD 21613

Please note: The Friends of Blackwater will neither distribute nor share your email address or other personal information.