



Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League (WIWL)
Conservation Scholarship Program
Eligibility & Application Rules

All Applicants:

- The applicant must be a United States citizen and a permanent resident of the City of Winchester and/or Clarke, Frederick, and Shenandoah Counties for at least 3 years, defined as 36 elapsed calendar months of continuous residency prior to the April 30th deadline for the given year of application receipt.
- The applicant must have graduated or will graduate during the current academic year from a high school or an accredited equivalent school within the geographic areas stated above or completed equivalent home-schooling as defined by VA educational requirements.
- The applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college or trade school for the upcoming academic year for which funding is being requested and pursuing a degree or certificate in conservation, environmental protection, wildlife management, or related field as contemplated in the Izaak Walton League of America Pledge.
- Scholarship awards in the amount of up to \$1000 per student are planned.

New Applicants:

- A new applicant is defined as someone who meets the criteria listed under the **All Applicants** section above and has never received funding from the WIWL Conservation Scholarship fund.
- The new applicant must complete the **WIWL Scholarship Application Package for New Applicants**.
- The new applicant must submit two letters of recommendation that may include any information about the applicant that they would like the committee to consider in making their selection including background, future ambitions, and why they believe the applicant would be an appropriate recipient of a scholarship award from the Izaak Walton League of America.
- New applicants must submit a high school transcript if they have never attended college. New applicants who are enrolled in college must submit a transcript from their previous school.

Returning Applicants:

- A returning applicant is defined as someone who continues to meet the criteria listed under the **All Applicants** section in this document and has received funding from the WIWL Conservation Scholarship fund within the prior year.
- The returning applicant must complete the **WIWL Scholarship Application Package for Returning Applicants**.
- All returning applicants are requested to supply a copy of their grade reports for the prior academic year with their completed application.
- The returning applicant must have maintained a +3.00 or better Grade Point Average.
- Returning applicants are requested to include an essay that states what they have accomplished since the award of their previous scholarship to further the principles of the Izaak Walton League of America Pledge.



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*Application Checklist***

Please ensure your application package includes the following:

- _____ Appropriate Application Form completed (required for all applicants)

- _____ Class standing verified (required of High School Seniors only)

- _____ Current High School or College Transcript enclosed
(required for all applicants)

- _____ At least two Letters of Recommendation (required for all new applicants)

- _____ Essay Form completed (required for all applicants)

Please refer to our website at www.Winchester-IWLA.org or contact Mr. Ray Palladino at rayp_iwla@yahoo.com to answer any questions. Completed application packages are requested to be submitted between March 1st and April 30th of that award year to:

Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League
Conservation Scholarship Program
PO Box 2954
Winchester, VA 22604



Application Package for New Applicants

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Other: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Years in Residency: _____

High School: _____ Class Standing*: _____

**Verification of Class Standing by High School Counselor (For Graduating High School Seniors Only)*

Name and Address of College(s) You Plan to Attend:
(include letters of acceptance if received) _____

Intended Major Course of Study: _____ Start Date: _____

Community Activities (List Groups and Activities):

List All Scholastic Honors:

Hobbies and Interests:

Other Scholarships Received Within the Last Year:

I attest that the information stated herein is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and that any misstatements that are knowingly made may disqualify me from consideration and receipt of this and any future follow-on WIWL Scholarship awards.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Essay Questions for New Applicants

Please discuss the following questions in the form of a short essay. Use this sheet and/or any additional sheets that you need in order to complete these questions:

- 1) What activities or experiences have led you to choose a conservation, environmental, or wildlife management vocation or field of study?

- 2) What are your expectations for a conservation, environmental, or wildlife management vocation or field of study?

- 3) In your opinion, what are the major conservation/environmental/ or wildlife management issue affecting the Winchester, Clarke, Frederick, or Shenandoah County area today?

- 4) How can the Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of American's Conservation Scholarship help you?

- 5) Why do you feel you are the best candidate for this scholarship?

Note: Applicants who are under serious consideration may be required to participate in an interview with the WIWL Scholarship Committee for the final selection process. Such an interview may include, but is not limited to the above mentioned questions.



Application Package for Returning Applicants

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Other: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Name and Address of College You Are Attending:

Major Course of Study: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

What is Your Enrollment Status (Circle One): Full-Time Half-Time Less than Half-Time

Please include an essay on a separate sheet that states what you have accomplished since the award of their previous scholarship to further the principles of the Izaak Walton League of America Pledge.

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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