Scholarship Application

Two $2,500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who:

1. Plan to pursue a degree in environmental science, natural resources, or conservation related field at an accredited college or university.
2. Reside in Ottawa County or Lucas County, Ohio.
3. Achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, books, personal protective equipment, tools, instruments, field equipment, etc and will be paid directly to the awardee.

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Home Address

_____________________________ __________________________
City State Zip

County of Residence

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Email Address Mobile Phone

College or University

_____________________________ __________________________
Academic Major Expected Graduation Date

If selected, are you willing to participate in annual follow up surveys for three years after receipt of a scholarship? _____ Yes _____ No
PLEASE ATTACH APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Academic record with overall GPA of at least 3.0. Your current GPA ______ on a 4.0 system. Please attach a current (full) transcript and circle the GPA. Transcript must include all courses taken to date. Please enclose an official transcript signed by your high school administration with your original signed application.

2. A 500 word essay describing why you chose a path in conservation and what your goals are for the future.

3. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, community service leader, or coach.

All applicants will be notified of the scholarship recipients by May 1, 2024.

I certify that all information provided is true and accurate. I authorize independent verification and I understand that if awarded a scholarship, information contained in this application may be released to the media.

Signature ________________________________ Date ________________

Questions? Contact Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Executive Director Aimee Arent at 419-707-7756 or friendsofottawanwr@gmail.com

Deadline: Postmarked by February 15, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mail to:

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
Scholarship Committee
14000 W. State Route 2
Oak Harbor, OH 43449

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that supports the conservation mission of Ohio’s only national wildlife refuge complex by acquiring land, engaging the community, and enhancing public access.

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