

Friends of the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge (FANWR) Scholarship

BACKGROUND

The Friends of the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge (FANWR) supports the careers and professional development of individuals pursuing careers in fish and wildlife management, environmental education, conservation, and related fields.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the FANWR Scholarship are to recognize outstanding graduating high school seniors or first year college students for academic achievement and to provide financial assistance to students in order that they may accomplish their future educational goals.

AWARD CRITERIA/SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be either an outstanding graduating high school senior in the final half of his/her school year, an individual that will receive their GED within six months of the application deadline or a college freshman with outstanding performance and a financial need. Applicant must be attending or planning to attend a college or a university as a full-time student. Special consideration will be given to applicants who plan to enter a field of study directly related to fish and wildlife management, environmental education, conservation and related fields
- Applications must be submitted on the official FANWR Scholarship form. Incomplete applications or submissions that do not follow the submission criteria will be disqualified.
- Applicant must have two letters of recommendation from: (1) a high school principal, guidance counselor or academic dean/advisor and (2) a high school teacher or college professor.
- Applications will include only the information requested in the application.
- Application packets will be stapled in the top left-hand corner and no other binding is permitted.

AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES

Applicant's scholastic achievements, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, career and academic goals and financial need will be considered and must be documented in a letter of recommendation and summarized on the scholarship form. Scholarship recipients will be notified in June; no phone calls please.

RECOGNITION

FANWR will award one \$250 scholarship. The Friends President will present scholarships to the selected student either during the students' awards ceremony or at a special ceremony to be held at the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center. Notification of the selected students' second semester college/university enrollment will be required before disbursement of the scholarship check(s).

DEADLINE

Applications **must be postmarked** no later than **May 11, 2012**. No exceptions to this deadline will be allowed. Any applications received with a postmark after this date will not be considered for selection. No applications by fax or e-mail transmission will be accepted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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