



Scholarship Qualifications & Procedures

The Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will award two (2) scholarships annually in the amount of \$3,000.00 each. These scholarships will be awarded to two students enrolled in separate institutions of higher learning as described in these qualifications and procedures.

1. Eligible applicants must be a legal resident of the state of Mississippi.
2. Eligible applicants must hold a current Mississippi hunting and fishing license.
3. Eligible applicants must be officially enrolled in a public or private college/university or community college within the state of Mississippi and must be classified by hours as a sophomore or junior.
4. Applicants must be seeking a major or minor degree in any field of study that relates to or contributes to wildlife, fisheries, parks and wildlife law enforcement. This shall be determined by the scholarship committee.
5. Eligible applicants must obtain at least a **2.5 GPA** by the beginning of the fall semester during which scholarship application is filed and provides at least three (3) letters of reference along with the official application document. References must be from the following persons:
 - a. Faculty advisor or Department head in which applicant is enrolled
 - b. Any Professor who has instructed the applicant
 - c. Local community resident/leader
6. The application package must include the following documents:
 - Essay (300-500 words based on 1 of the 3 topics on page 2)
 - **Official** school transcript properly documented to the beginning of the fall semester during which scholarship application is filed; **any transcript that does not bear the school's official seal will not qualify.**
 - Three (3) letters of reference
 - **A fully completed FMWFP scholarship application form.**
7. Applicants may download a scholarship form at www.foundationmwfp.com. Please mail or submit application and all other documentation as noted above to:

**FMWFP
Essay Contest
P.O. Box 98
Cascilla, MS 38920**

Or

Scholarship@foundationmwfp.com

Applications must be received by the designated deadline (**Applications are to be received no later than August 31, 2010**). Applications received late will not be considered for review by the selection committee.

Notification of the **FMWFP** scholarship recipients will be officially completed by the second Friday in the month of November. A copy of the award notification will be mailed to the award winners along with an invitation to a presentation luncheon with the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

**ESSAY CONTEST
Instructions**

1. Choose one of the following topics and write an essay of 300 to 500 words:
 - A. How can wildlife agencies recruit new hunters?
 - B. How can wildlife agencies retain existing hunters?
 - C. Greater than 80% of land in Mississippi is privately owned. How can wildlife agencies encourage/ promote private landowners to manage habitat for wildlife?
 - D. What do you believe is the greatest threat facing fish and /or fisheries in Mississippi and why?
 - E. What are the most popular amenities that campers are looking for in State parks?
2. On the front page of your essay in the TOP RIGHTHAND CORNER, place the last four (4) digits of your social security number. Do NOT write your name on the essay.
3. Use the selected topic as the TITLE for your essay.
4. Submit your essay with your completed application form, official school transcript, and letters of reference to the following locations:

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Cascilla, MS 38920**

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NOTE: Scholarships shall be awarded to those applicants who meet the criteria of scholarship qualifications and are subsequently winners of the Essay Contest. The essays will be judged by use of the last 4 digits of applicant's social security number without the judge's knowledge of the applicant's name. The essay judge will be chosen by the scholarship committee and shall designate the winners of essays to the selection committee. The selection committee shall consist of the five scholarship committee members and, if needed, a designated

ex-officio member, either the Chairman of the Board of the Foundation or the Executive Director. The decisions of the selection committee will be final!



MWFP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
"Building a Solid Foundation for Education"

FOUNDATION for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Scholarship Application
(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Alternate phone # _____

Email address _____

School _____ Class: Sophomore ___ Junior ___ GPA _____

Field of Study: MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

Have you earned an Internship with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when? _____

Last FOUR digits of your social security # _____

HONORS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Attach separate sheet if there is not enough space

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Signature of Applicant: _____

Disclaimer: The decision made by the selection committee is final!

Should interested applicants or school officials see the need for inquiries, please send questions/concerns to:

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ESSAY CONTEST

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Cascilla, MS 38920

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Universities within the state of Mississippi are eligible to extend the Foundation for MWFP scholarship applications to any and all qualified sophomores or juniors. However, those students who have earned internships with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks will be designated as priority scholarship applicants and receive special consideration. Scholarship qualification criteria and application forms are available at www.foundationmwfp.com

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NOTE: \$3,000.00 Scholarship awards are **ONE** time awards. Sophomore recipients may reapply their junior year.