



Scholarship Qualifications & Procedures

The Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will award three (3) scholarships annually in the amount of \$3,000.00 each. These scholarships will be awarded to three 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 MS and must be classified by hours as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate.
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 must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2012**). The selection committee will not consider applications received late for review. 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 are Asian carp affecting native species in Mississippi and how might this affect recreational fishing?
 - B. How can our Mississippi wildlife agencies retain existing hunters?
 - C. What are the most popular amenities that campers are looking for in State parks?
 - D. Based on other Southern states allowing deer farming such as Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, and Louisiana, what would be the economic effect on Mississippi were it to allow deer farming?
 - E. Why would you want to become involved in the law enforcement aspect of wildlife agencies in Mississippi?
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:

FMWFP Essay Contest

P.O. Box 98

Cascilla, MS 38920

Or

Scholarship@foundationmwfp.com

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"

Scholarship Application

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Alternate phone # _____

Email address _____

School _____

Class: Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___ 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

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Attach separate sheet if there is not enough space

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 2011.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Disclaimer: The decision made by the selection committee is final! Should interested applicants or school officials see the

need for inquires, please send questions/concerns to:

Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

ESSAY CONTEST

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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, juniors, seniors or graduates. 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 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.

NOTE: \$3,000.00 Scholarship awards are **ONE-time** awards. Candidates can reapply as needed..