

The Izaak Walton League of America

MICHIGAN CITY CHAPTER #7

LAPORTE CO. CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship was designed to further support undergraduates and high school students from LaPorte County, In. for recognized conservation or environmental-related degree programs. Programs may include, but are not limited to, those such as: environmental science/engineering/education, natural resource management, forestry, wildlife, fisheries, parks and recreation, range management, and soils, and other related sciences such as ecology, biology (conservation/field/marine), geology, hydrology, and zoology, including mammalogy, ornithology, and entomology.

The LaPorte Co. Scholarship compliments the many scholarships offered annually by IWLA local chapters and state divisions. "These League scholarships provide students not only with financial support, but also with moral support from like-minded conservationists."

The Michigan City Chapter #7 Scholarship award amount will be 2 scholarships each totaling \$750.00. Recipients need not be Izaak Walton League Members. Any high school or college student can qualify and are eligible for consecutive year funds. All funds will be sent directly to the institution. These scholarships are open to LaPorte Co. residents only.

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their knowledge of conservation/environmental issues and their commitment as a future conservation leader. Each submitted application will be screened by the Michigan City Chapter #7 Scholarship Committee and awarded by August 1, for the beginning of the fall semester/quarter.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The awarded scholarship may be used only for tuition, fees, books, room and board, or other related-research expenses. Payments will be made directly to the college/university in the name of the student(s), thus the student's identification number will be required only if selected. After an award is made, any major change in the recipient's course of study requires prior notification of the Michigan City Chapter #7 IWLA. The chapter reserves the right to withhold or terminate a scholarship due to unsatisfactory academic performance, or recipient's early departure or withdrawal from college. Scholarship criteria or procedures subject to change without notice.

Complete the IWLA Chapter #7 LaPorte County Scholarship Program Application Form, including the written requirements, enclose one letter of personal reference, two letters of recommendation from faculty at your high school/college/university, and then mail the completed packet to:

The Izaak Walton League of America
Michigan City Chapter #7
PO Box 9471
Michigan City, IN. 46360

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LAPORTE COUNTY CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICATION INFORMATION FORM:

Date: _____ Student Identification Number: _____
(OPTIONAL, REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT TO RECIPIENT)

Name Of Applicant: _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

High School/College/University Name: _____

Location (City & State): _____

Current Class Standing (Check All that Apply): Sophomore Junior Senior High School College

Grade Point Average: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date (Month & Year): _____/_____/_____

Conservation or Environmental-Related Major: _____

Your College/University Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

WRITTEN REQUIREMENTS:

INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES (5 points): List your interests, hobbies and leisure activities (in 100 words or less).

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (5 points): List all conservation, environmental, wildlife, sportsmen's, community and professional organizations to which you belong. Include, with dates, the length of memberships (in 100 words or less)

RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (5 points): List, with dates, any conservation and environmental-related work experience you have had (in 100 words or less).

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (10 points): Describe your activities and accomplishments. List organizations, dates, offices held, committee chairs, or other examples of leadership in conservation and environmental organizations, professional associations, as well as community and university groups and activities (in 300 words or less).

ESSAY: CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY (20 points): Discuss your philosophy of natural resources management as a component of conservation. Consider issues such as protection of soil, water, air, forests and wildlife and outdoor recreation (in 500 words or less).

ESSAY: CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES (20 points): Identify what you believe to be the most important conservation issues facing North America during the next ten years, and how they will impact future natural resource management activities (in 500 words or less).

ESSAY: PERSONAL STATEMENT (20 points): Write a statement directed to the Izaak Walton League providing information concerning your career goals and objectives, such as how you plan to use your education and training in the future (in 500 words or less).

PERSONAL REFERENCE LETTER (5 points): Enclose one (1) reference letter from an individual, such as a friend co-worker, employer, fellow student, coach, teacher or mentor (other than a family member), stating why you are worthy to receive an IWLA Chapter #7 LaPorte County Conservation Scholarship.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (10 points): Enclose two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty stating why you are eligible to receive an IWLA Chapter #7 LaPorte County Conservation Scholarship.

Name: _____ Title: _____

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MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS:

Should you be selected to receive an IWLA Chapter #7 LaPorte Co. Conservation Scholarship, the IWLA reserves the right to distribute your name, major, university and hometown in the form of a press release to national, regional and local media, and as articles in national, state and local IWLA publications and Web sites.

Name, address, email and telephone of college/university newspaper(s):

Name, address, email, and telephone of hometown newspaper(s):

STUDENT'S RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION:

I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes if selected. I also give permission to release information concerning my academic progress to donors of the scholarship I may receive. I understand that I must be registered as a full-time college/university student next fall semester/quarter to be eligible to receive an IWLA scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in the application is true and correct.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD/CHAIR OR ADVISOR:

The applicant, _____, currently is a full-time student of the _____ class by the end of the spring semester/quarter in a conservation or environmental-related curriculum of:

His/her grade point average to date is _____ (based on a 4.0 scale).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

FINAL SUBMISSION:

When you have completed all parts of the application including the letter and essay requirements, please submit via U.S. Postal Service the completed application form and required attachments directly to:

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SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS CHECK LIST:

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- INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES (5 points)
- MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (5 points)
- RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (5 points)
- LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (10 points)
- ESSAY: CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY (20 points)
- ESSAY: CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES (20 points)
- ESSAY: PERSONAL STATEMENT (20 points)
- MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS (Requested)
- ONE PERSONAL REFERENCE LETTER (5 points)
- TWO FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (10 points)
- STUDENT'S RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION (Required)
- DEPARTMENT HEAD/CHAIR OR ADVISOR SIGN-OFF (Required)
- SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

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- MAILED POSTMARKED BY NO LATER THAN JUNE 30

(SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AUGUST 1)