



**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE
SOCIETY
SOUTHWEST REGION**

**2017
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 16, 2017

QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY (NAFWS)
SOUTHWEST REGION – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION for
2017**

Purpose of Scholarship:

To assist and enable Native American students in the Southwest Region pursue a course of study leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree, and post graduate degree in the field of natural resource management, including fisheries and wildlife biology, general biology, forestry, soil and range management, environmental and related earth sciences, and conservation law enforcement.

Students pursuing degrees in other fields, with an emphasis and benefit in the above related natural resources and related noted fields will also be considered. The “emphasis and/or benefit” should be explained in the student’s essay.

Scholarships can be used for books, fees, supplies, or any other school related expenses, including tuition costs.

Eligible Applicant:

- A. Must be an enrolled member of a federally-recognized Tribe or Alaska Native.
- B. Must be a current **full-time** student in good standing at an accredited institution of higher learning pursuing a degree in a field of natural resources.
- C. Must have legal residency within the Southwest Region of the NAFWS at the time of application. (Southwest Region includes the States of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and southern California)
- D. Previous recipients of the NAFWS SW Region scholarship may be considered and awarded, depending on the number of applicants received.
- E. 2017 Scholarship recipients are encouraged to volunteer their time to participate at the 2018 Southwest Regional Summer Youth Practicum to assist, present, chaperone and be an inspirational role model for our youth.

Award Amounts:

- A. First Year or Freshmen Status - \$800.00/ year
- B. Sophomore - \$800.00/ year
- C. Junior - \$1000.00/ year
- D. Senior - \$1000.00/ year
- E. Post Graduate (Master’s/Ph.D. Candidate) - \$500.00/year

Application: (A complete application should include)

- A. Acceptance into an accredited institution of higher learning
- B. Copy of most recent high school or undergraduate transcript, unofficial transcripts will be accepted. Include any awards and honors received.
- C. Copy of Tribal Membership
- D. Three (3) Letters of Reference, including (1) from an elected or appointed Tribal leader (i.e., Council delegate, Chapter official, or Village/Pueblo leader); (1) from a teacher, professor or counselor; (1) from a member of a community organization, employer, or any other individual having knowledge of applicants achievements, leadership abilities, personal accomplishments and character.
- E. A short essay (1 – 2 pages) describing your interest in natural resources management, your career goals and how you would use the award to further your professional development.

The NAFWS Southwest Region will award four (4) scholarships and the recipients will be selected and notified by July 7, 2017. Scholarship eligibility will be based on a Fall/Spring academic year. The NAFWS Southwest Region highly encourages the recipients to attend the annual regional conference hosted by the Mescalero Apache Tribe at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino from August 8-10, 2017 in Mescalero, New Mexico. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the annual awards banquet on August 9th.

Evaluation of Applicant:

- A. Applicants will be evaluated based on a total of 100 points awarded:
 - 1. Submission of a complete application package (A – E) - 25 points
 - 2. Student's GPA - (2.0 – 2.9 = 15 points) ; (3.0 – 4.0 = 20 points)
 - 3. Student Essay - 55 points

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SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOLARSHIP
2017 – APPLICATION**

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: _____

FIELD OF STUDY:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION YOU ATTEND/OR PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

CLASSIFICATION: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE (MONTH/YEAR): _____

Send Completed Applications By US Mail or Email to:

**Darren Talayumtewa
Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86309
ATTENTION: NAFWS Southwest Region Scholarship**

OR

Darren Talayumtewa: DTalayumtewa@hopi.nsn.us

Subject Line: “YOUR NAME - NAFWS SW Region Scholarship Application”

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