



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

2021

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 25, 2021

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DETAILS:

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 resources management, fisheries and wildlife biology, general biology, forestry, soil and range management, environmental, conservation law enforcement and related earth sciences.

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

The NAFWS Southwest Region Scholarship amount is \$1,000.00 and will be given to recipients for Fall 2021.

DEADLINE: Mail post-marked by OR received by email by June 25, 2021 at 10 pm Arizona Time.

ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe of the Southwest Region. To see regions, go to <https://www.nafws.org/about/member-tribes/southwest-region-tribes/>
- B. Must have legal residency within the NAFWS Southwest Region at the time of application (Southwest Region includes the States of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and southern California).
- C. Must be an enrolled **full-time** student in good standing at an accredited institution of higher learning pursuing a degree in a field of natural resources for Fall 2021.
- D. Must be an incoming college freshman, undergraduate, graduate or PhD student.
- E. Previous recipients of the NAFWS Southwest Region scholarship may be considered and awarded, depending on the number of applicants received.
- F. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to volunteer their time to participate at the regional Summer Youth Practicum to assist, present, chaperone and be an inspirational role model for our youth.

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TO APPLY, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING all together in one document either through email or mail:

- Completed General Application (this document) and Essay
- Up-to-date resume or CV, no need for a cover letter due to the essay requirement
- Enrollment Verification to a college/university for Fall 2021. For incoming college freshman or graduate student, submit a copy of your official acceptance letter. Class schedules, on-campus housing documents or acceptance to on-campus student programs are not acceptable.
- Copy of most recent high school, undergraduate or graduate transcripts (unofficial are accepted)
- Copy of Tribal Membership, Tribe must be located within the Southwest region
- 2 signed Letters of Recommendation with a letterhead or at least in letter format, from:
 - o A high school teacher or counselor (high schoolers only) OR college faculty or advisor (college students)
 - o A person who has worked with or knows of Tribal relations (i.e. appointed or elected Tribal leader, professor in Native American studies, director of the university's Native cultural center, US Forest Service Tribal liaison, Council delegate, Chapter official, Village or Pueblo leader, etc.)

Letters of Recommendations should be postmarked or received by email by the SAME deadline as application and submitted by the recommender. Recommenders should not include family members (i.e guardians, parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins).

*****Only completed applications will be considered this includes both letters of recommendation. The region is not responsible for notifying students of missing application materials. You may email the region to ask about if they have received all your documents, but be sure, to do so in advance of the deadline date to receive a reply in adequate time.*****

MORE INFORMATION:

Students will be notified through email and phone call if they are selected as a recipient of the scholarship, students will also be notified if they were not selected for the scholarship through email by July 12, 2021.

The scholarship check will be issued to the recipients' institution and not to the recipient, so the applicants must include their student ID and institution's address in their application. Scholarship checks will be mailed by July 30, 2021.

Scholarship applications will be evaluated and selected based on a rubric and point allocation system by a selection committee to ensure efficient and equal opportunity. If you would like to know the rubric in which the scholarship selection will be based on, you can see the rubric on our website (nafws.org) on the scholarship page.

AFTER RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP, RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- Submit required tax documents (Form W9)
- Optional: Submit signed photo release form so we can feature a short bio with a profile picture of yourself for the NAFWS website. Photo release form will be sent, if interested.

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GENERAL APPLICATION:

** PLEASE FULLY COMPLETE APPLICATION **

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ TRIBAL AFFILIATION: _____

COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY: _____

ADDRESS TO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: _____

EDUCATION LEVEL: Incoming College Freshman Undergraduate Graduate

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____ FIELD OF STUDY: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE (MONTH/YEAR): _____

ESSAY PROMPT:

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE TYPE A SHORT (1-2 PAGE) TYPED ESSAY (12-point font, Times New Roman, Double-spaced) TO ANSWER:

- Describe your interest in natural resources management? How will your career goals make an impact in Natural Resources in Indian Country?
- What is a major environmental and/or natural resources issue in the Southwest region? Why? How would you manage and address that issue?
- How will this scholarship help you accomplish your career goals or further your professional development?

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DESIGNATED CONTACT BELOW:

For more information contact AND send complete applications to:

Darren Talayumptewa, Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

Mail: P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039 ATTENTION: NAFWS Southwest Region Scholarship

(POSTMARKED BY JUNE 25, 2021)

Email: DTalayumptewa@hopi.nsn.us with Subject Line: "Your Name – NAFWS SW Region Scholarship Application"

(RECEIVED BY EMAIL BY 10 PM ARIZONA TIME ON June 25, 2021)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT AND GET THIS APPLICATION? (SCHOOL, TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCE DEPT., WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, NAFWS MEMBER, FRIEND, PARENT, EMAIL, POSTED, ETC): _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION 1

APPLICANT: Please give this to your recommender, who should be familiar with your educational and career goals, extracurricular activities or involvement, interest in natural resources or work qualities. Below, select the requirement the recommender meets (one of the two, but both are required):

A high school teacher or counselor (high schoolers only) OR college faculty or advisor (college students)

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APPLICANTS NAME: _____

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Email: DTalayumtewa@hopi.nsn.us **Phone:** (928) 497-1010 **Website:** nafws.org

QUESTIONS:

1. How well and for what length of time have you known the applicant, what is your relationship to the applicant?
2. Please describe the applicant's attitude towards school and education.
3. Has the applicant demonstrated an interest in natural resources? How?
4. Has the applicant discussed his/her career goals with you? What are they?
5. What are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses?
6. Please include any additional information or comments that might help us evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT: _____ DATE: _____

NAME & TITLE OF RESPONDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

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NAME & TITLE OF RESPONDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____