

**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY**  
**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NAFWS SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL APPLICATION**



**APPLICATION PACKET**

**DETAILS:**

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) received funds to allocate for the NAFWS' Great Lakes Region Scholarship. Our goal is to help Native American and/or Alaskan Native students pursue their career and educational goals in the field of natural resources, by providing financial assistance. The NAFWS Great Lakes Region Scholarship amount is \$1000.00 and will be given to recipients in 2021.

**DEADLINE:** Post-marked by OR received by email by OCTOBER 15, 2021, at 6PM MOUNTAIN TIME.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe of Great Lakes Region. To see regions, go to our website [nafws.org](http://nafws.org), under the *About* tab at the [Member Tribes page](#).
- B. 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 (no online students) for the award year.
- C. Must be an incoming college freshman, undergraduate, graduate or PhD student.
- D. Previous recipients of the NAFWS Great Lakes Region scholarship may be considered and awarded, depending on the number of applicants received.
- E. Recipients of the NAFWS National 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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**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (Please read fully & carefully):**

APPLICATION PACKET COMPONENTS: TO BE SENT IN BY THE STUDENT APPLICANT IN ONE EMAIL OR MAIL PACKAGE

- Completed General Application and Essay
- Up-to-date resume or CV, no need for a cover letter due to the essay requirement
- Enrollment Verification to a College and/or 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). Note you may need to request these ahead of time, or you may download from your student registration portal.
- Copy of most recent high school, undergraduate or graduate transcripts (unofficial are accepted)
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment, Tribe must be located within the Great Lakes region

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUIREMENT: TO BE SENT IN SEPARATELY BY RECOMMENDER.

- 2 signed Letters of Recommendation with a letterhead or at least in letter format, with cover page (within this document) 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).

**PLEASE ADEQUATELY NAME FILES AS:** *First and Last Name – 2021 NAFWS Great Lakes Region Scholarship Application – (insert if it is: General Application, Essay, Resume, Transcript, etc.).*

In Example: *Joe Don – 2021 NAFWS Great Lakes Region Scholarship – Resume* for Joe's Resume, and he would submit, *Joe Don – 2021 NAFWS Great Lakes Region Scholarship – Tribal Enrollment* for his Tribal enrollment document.

**FOR EMAIL SUBMISSIONS:** use subject line *First and Last Name – 2021 NAFWS Great Lakes Region Scholarship Application.*

**FOR MAILED SUBMISSIONS:** use ATTN: *First and Last Name – 2021 NAFWS Great Lakes Region Scholarship Application.*

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**\*\*\*Only completed applications will be considered. The region is not responsible for notifying students of missing application materials, so please ensure that you submit all application materials and to remind your recommenders to submit their letters of recommendation. \*\*\***

**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.

The scholarship check will be sent to the students' institution and not to the student, so the student needs to be sure to include their student ID and institution's address in their application.

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](http://nafws.org)) on the scholarship page.

**AFTER RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP, RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:**

- Submit required tax documents (Form W9)
- Submit a short bio with a profile picture of yourself for the NAFWS website, this has to be done before the NAFWS sends your scholarship award to your school.

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**GENERAL APPLICATION:**

\*\* PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE APPLICATION \*\*

FULL LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS TO COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERISTY'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION LEVEL:      Undergraduate      Graduate      STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR AND/OR MINOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY PROMPT:**

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE TYPE A SHORT 250 - 400 WORD ESSAY (Typed: 12-point font, Times New Roman, Double-spaced) TO ANSWER:

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

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DESIGNATED CONTACT BELOW:**

**For more information contact AND/OR to send complete applications to:**

Ashley Carlisle, Education Coordinator

Email: [acarlisle@nafws.org](mailto:acarlisle@nafws.org)

Phone: (303)466-1725, Ext. 4

Website: [nafws.org](http://nafws.org) (Link to Scholarship App/Details: <https://www.nafws.org/youth-pre-professional/nafws-scholarships/>)

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):

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APPLICANTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**By Mail:** 10465 Melody Dr. Ste. 307 Northglenn, CO 80234 **Email:** acarlisle@nafws.org

**Phone:** 303-466-1725 Ext. 4

**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. Has the applicant demonstrated an interest in natural resources? How?
3. Does the applicant work well in a group setting?
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: \_\_\_\_\_