

# NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

## SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL APPLICATION



### APPLICATION PACKET

#### DETAILS:

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) received funds to allocate for the NAFWS' 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 Scholarship amount is \$1000.00 to \$2500.00 and will be given to recipients for the Fall Semester of 2025.

**DEADLINE:** Post-marked by OR received by email by **August 8, 2025 by 10pm Mountain Time.**

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe.
- B. 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. Degree examples: Watershed Science, Fisheries Biologist, Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management, Conservation Law.
- C. Must be an incoming college freshman, undergraduate, graduate or PhD student.
- D. Previous recipients of a NAFWS Scholarship may be considered and awarded, depending on the number of applicants received.

**TO APPLY, submit the following all together in one document through email:**

Completed Scholarship 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 2025

- A. You can download this from your college student account, if not you may need to contact your registrar's office, 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)
- ☐ Proof of Tribal Enrollment or submission of completed BIA Form 4432

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☐ 1 signed Letter of Recommendation with a letterhead or at least in letter format:

- A. Letter can be from a high school teacher or counselor (high schoolers only) OR college faculty or advisor (college students)
- B. Letter can be from 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, received by email, or submitted through the website form by the SAME deadline as application and submitted by the recommender, not the applicant. Recommenders should not include family members (i.e guardians, parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins).

**\*\*\*Only completed applications will be considered this includes letters of recommendation. NAFWS is not responsible for notifying students of missing application materials. You may email the NAFWS Education & Advancement Director to ask 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:

To determine which NAFWS region you will apply for, you can access a map of our regions is on our [website](#).

Students will be notified through email and/or 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 must be done before the NAFWS sends your scholarship award to your institution.

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

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

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

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

EDUCATION LEVEL: Undergraduate, Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate PhD Student

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

NAFWS REGION YOU ARE APPLYING TO: \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY PROMPT:**

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE TYPE A SHORT 400 - 550 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 your community? Why? How would you manage and address that issue? Give one example of a management technique, idea, program or case study in your answer (be sure to cite it or URL link to it).
- Why do you think you are a great candidate for the scholarship?

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

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

Ashley Mueller NAFWS Education & Advancement Director

**Email:** [amueller@nafws.org](mailto:amueller@nafws.org)

**Phone:** 303-466-1725 Ext. 103

**Website:** [nafws.org](http://nafws.org)

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