Protecting America's Outdoors

The Izaak Walton League of America

Harry Enstrom Environmental Scholarship

Established by Harry Enstrom Chapter and Linda Enstrom Fettig

BACKGROUND:

From our mission statement, the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) is "to conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife." Part of our longstanding mission includes education.

The League has long realized that education is important to the future of our environment. By raising public awareness about conservation issues, the League can help protect natural resources for future generations.

Established in 2021, the IWLA Harry Enstrom Environmental Scholarship is being formed to encourage, promote and recognize conservation leadership among future natural resource managers and professionals.

The scholarship is designed to support HS graduates pursuing environmental/conservation higher education and to support undergraduates from recognized conservation or environmental-related degree programs. Programs may include, but not limited to:

- **Environmental science/engineering/education**
- **Natural resource management**
- **Forestry**
- **Wildlife**
- **Fisheries**
- **Parks and recreation**
- **Range management**
- **Other natural and earth sciences**

QUALIFICATIONS:

IWLA Harry Enstrom Environmental Scholarship may be presented to no more than two students in the Greene, Washington and Fayette County area. Each scholarship includes a $1000.00 scholarship, an engraved plaque and a one-year IWLA Membership.

Category #1 – Current High School Senior

1. **Senior maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA.**
2. **Pursuing higher education in a above-mentioned category.**

Category #2 – University Undergraduate Student

1. **Undergraduate in a recognized conservation or environmental-related degree program maintaining a 3.0 GPA.**
2. **Be scheduled to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student for the following fall semester/quarter.**

APPLICATION OPENING/DEADLINE:

The scholarship opening date is February 15th and your completed application must be postmarked no later than April 15th.

Note: IWLA reserves the right to extend this deadline on an annual basis

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Complete the IWLA Harry Enstrom Environmental Scholarship Application Form, including the written requirements. Enclose one letter of personal reference from your High School or University. Then mail the completed packet to IWLA Harry Enstrom Chapter, PO Box 91, Clarksville, Pennsylvania 15322. Attention Scholarship Committee

You will receive confirmation acknowledging receipt of your application. If you do not receive acknowledgment within two to three weeks, please text 303-447-9544 to confirm receipt of your application packet.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their knowledge of conservation/environmental issues and their commitment to be a future conservation leader. Each submitted application will be screened by the Harry Enstrom BOG Scholarship Committee. The selection of recipients will be completed no later than the end of the month of May. All applicants will be notified as to their final decision soon after.

IWLA Harry Enstrom Environmental Scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized at our July General Meeting. And scholarships will be awarded either to the student or the students university account no later than the beginning of the fall semester/quarter.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:

The scholarship may be used for tuition, fees, books, room and board, or other research expenses related to applicant's major. Depending on the situation, payments will be made directly to the college/university in the name of the student or the student directly with a caveat requiring proof of expenditures. If to the university, the student's identification number will be required only if selected.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS CHECKLIST:

- APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM
- INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES (5 POINTS)
- MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (5 POINTS)
- LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (15 POINTS)
- ESSAY: CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES (20 POINTS)
- ONE PERSONAL REFERENCE LETTER (5 POINTS)
- STUDENTS RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION (REQUIRED)
- SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

  IWLA HARRY ENSTROM
  PO BOX 91
  CLARKSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15322
- **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH***
  ***NOTE: Date subject to change. The Harry Enstrom Chapter reserves the right to extend the deadline.**

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Harry Enstrom Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM:

Date:_____ Student Identification Number:_____

(Optional, Required for Payment to Recipient)

Name of Applicant: _____

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Applying For (Check One): ____Category #1 ____Category #2

Category #1: High School Graduate

School District: _____ Year: _____

College/University/Technical School Name:_____

Location (City and State):_____

Home Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parental Signature (Under 18): _____

Category #2: University Undergraduate

College/University Name: _____

Location (City and State): _____

Current Class Standing (Check One): [ ] Sophomore [ ] Junior [ ] Senior

Grade Point Average: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date (Month and 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).

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (15 points): Describe your activities and accomplishments. List your organizations, dates, offices held, committee chairs, or other examples of leadership in conservation and environmental organizations and professional associations, as well as community and university groups and activities (in 300 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 10 years, and how they will impact future natural resource management activities (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 should receive an IWLA Harry Enstrom Environmental Scholarship.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

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 a high school graduate, technical school student or 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: _____

Parental Signature (under 18): _____ Date: _____

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 the Harry Enstrom Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (postmarked no later than April 15th).