

# The Izaak Walton League of America National Conservation 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): ☐ Previous IWLA Chapter/Division Scholarship Recipient  
☐ Son/Daughter of IWLA Member, or Current IWLA Member

### **If for Scholarship Category #1:**

Name of IWLA Chapter/Division Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### **If for Scholarship Category #2:**

Parent's Name and IWLA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

- or -

Your IWLA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ IWLA Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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).

**RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE** (5 points): List, with dates, any conservation and environmental-related work experience you have had (in 100 words or less).

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES** (10 points): Describe your activities and accomplishments. List organizations, dates, offices held, committee chairs, or other examples of leadership in conservation and environmental organizations, professional associations, as well as community and university groups and activities (in 300 words or less).

**ESSAY: CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY** (20 points): Discuss your philosophy of natural resources management as a component of conservation. Consider issues such as protection of soil, water, air, forests and wildlife and outdoor recreation (in 500 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 ten years, and how they will impact future natural resource management activities (in 500 words or less).

**ESSAY: PERSONAL STATEMENT** (20 points): Write a statement directed to the Izaak Walton League providing information concerning your career goals and objectives, such as how you plan to use your education and training in the future (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 are worthy to receive an IWLA National Conservation Scholarship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** (10 points): Enclose two (2) letters of recommendation from college/university faculty stating why you are eligible to receive an IWLA National Conservation Scholarship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS:**

Should you be selected to receive an IWLA National Conservation Scholarship, the IWLA reserves the right to distribute your name, major, university and hometown in the form of a press release to national, regional and local media, and as articles in national, state and local IWLA publications and Web sites.

Name, address, email and telephone of college/university newspaper(s):

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Name, address email, and telephone of hometown newspaper(s):

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## **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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DEPARTMENT HEAD/CHAIR OR ADVISOR:**

The applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, currently is a full-time student of the \_\_\_\_\_ class by the end of the spring semester/quarter (56 semester hours or 108 quarter hours) in a conservation or environmental-related curriculum of \_\_\_\_\_.

His/her grade point average to date is \_\_\_\_\_ (based on a 4.0 scale).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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 national office of the Izaak Walton League of America (postmarked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>).

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## **SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS CHECK LIST:**

Complete the following application steps:

- ✓ **APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM**
- ✓ **INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES** (5 points)
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS** (5 points)
- ✓ **RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE** (5 points)
- ✓ **LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES** (10 points)
- ✓ **ESSAY: CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY** (20 points)
- ✓ **ESSAY: CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES** (20 points)
- ✓ **ESSAY: PERSONAL STATEMENT** (20 points)
- ✓ **MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS** (Requested)
- ✓ **ONE PERSONAL REFERENCE LETTER** (5 points)
- ✓ **TWO FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** (10 points)
- ✓ **STUDENT'S RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION** (Required)
- ✓ **DEPARTMENT HEAD/CHAIR OR ADVISOR SIGN-OFF** (Required)
- ✓ **SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**  
**707 Conservation Lane**  
**Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2983**  
**ATTN: National Conservation Scholarship**
- ✓ **MAILED POSTMARKED BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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