The Women's Board of the Chicago Zoological Society
Scholarship in Environmental Studies

2017-2018 Scholarship Application

Funded by
The Women's Board of the Chicago Zoological Society

Scholarship Purpose
The purpose of The Women's Board Scholarship in Environmental Studies is to encourage educational interest and commitment and to recognize and reward achievements in the study of the environment and in species conservation. A student's proposed area of educational interest will be evaluated on a case by case basis within the context of the Scholarship Purpose.

Scholarship Parameters
Scholarships will be available on an annual basis to meritorious candidates. Funds will be available for educational expenses in the amount of $2,500 per awarded student, per school year. The number of available scholarships each year will vary depending on fund availability. Qualified applicants must have participated in at least one “rung” of the Chicago Zoological Society’s Conservation Leadership Programs (Including Zoo Adventure Passport (ZAP), Kids’ Club, Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) and College Experiential Learning Opportunities (CELO) program), received the recommendation of the Chicago Zoological Society’s Conservation Leadership Program staff, met the Scholarship Guidelines as set forth by The Women's Board, and received the vote of the Women's Board Scholarship Selection Committee.

This scholarship is not renewable. Scholarship recipients who wish to reapply for subsequent years are required to complete and submit a full application for each new scholarship round.

All monies awarded will be paid directly to the post secondary school the applicant will be attending. Students must be enrolled full-time at the post secondary school in order to utilize this scholarship. Award money cannot be rolled over to another year or held by the post secondary school for use at a later date.

Applications must be completed and received by Monday, February 12, 2018.
Scholarship Guidelines

In order to be considered by The Women's Board as a possible candidate for scholarship funding, applicants should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Reside with your parent(s)/guardian(s), if under 18 years of age and not a legally Emancipated Minor
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in high school
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in college
- Have participated in Chicago Zoological Society’s Career Ladder Program
- Be recommended by the Society’s Conservation Leadership Program staff or its representative to The Women's Board Scholarship Selection Committee
- Attend a post secondary school full-time with the intent of completing an undergraduate degree
- Pursue undergraduate studies related to environmental sciences or conservation biology
- Be accepted by an accredited U.S. four year college/university or two year accredited U.S. community college/junior college
- Submit to a personal interview with The Women's Board Scholarship Selection Committee after receiving the recommendation of the Society’s Conservation Leadership Program Staff or its representative

In addition, for the Application to be taken into consideration, the following components are required:

- The Application must be signed by the applicant.
- The Application must be signed by the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if the applicant is under 21 years of age, or unless the applicant is a legally Emancipated Minor.
- The Application must be completed in its entirety.
- All the Required Attachments must be included.
Application Instructions

1) COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION AS INSTRUCTED AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.
2) INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND DOCUMENTS.

Incomplete applications will NOT be taken into consideration. Instructions that have been ignored or violated may be disqualified. Exceptions to the Scholarship Guidelines or other terms set forth in this Application may be made only with the approval of The Women's Board and the Chicago Zoological Society.

Required Attachments

- Signed letter of recommendation that speaks to the purpose of this scholarship
- Two (2) essays (see Personal Statements)
- Copy of official school transcript(s) OR if applicant is homeschooled: Copy of either ACT or SAT score report

Personal Statements

Submit the following two required essays with the Application: First time applicants submit 1-2, current or past recipients submit 2-3.

   Write a descriptive, 500-word essay about the experiences gained as a participant in the Career Ladder. Please detail how the Conservation Leadership Program(s) benefited from your participation, and conversely, how you benefited from being a part of the program(s).

2. The Next Steps
   Write a 500-word essay describing your plans or ideas for your future. Be sure to address your planned course of study and how you hope your career will benefit the environment.

3. What did I learn over the past year? (For past recipients re-applying)
   If you are a current recipient reapplying for the scholarship, talk about the past year and how you have been impacted by your experiences; as well as how they have impacted conservation/the environment.
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Personal Information
(please type or print)

Student Name___________________________________________
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Street Address________________________________________
City/State/Zip______________________________________ Phone (_______)_____________________

Email___________________________________________

Date of Birth_____/____/_____     Place of Birth_____________________________________________

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s)___________________________________________

Relationship to Student o Mother o Grandmother o Other _______________________
(check all that apply)
o Father o Grandfather

Street Address________________________________________ Home Phone (_____)
(Only if different from student’s address and phone)

Name of High School________________________________________ Graduation Date___________

Address of High School________________________________________

Name(s) of other High School(s) attended__________________________________________ Dates Attended___________
(If applicable)
Address(es) of other High School(s) attended________________________________________

Name of Post Secondary School attended__________________________________________ Dates Attended___________
(If applicable)
Address of Post Secondary School attended__________________________________________

High School/College Extracurricular Activities and Awards________________________________________

Community/Volunteer Activities and Honors__________________________________________

Hobbies/Special Interests__________________________________________

Are you presently employed? o no o yes If yes, : Where? ____________________________

Title/Position__________________________________________ Hours per Week___________
Personal Information – Continued

History of Participation in Chicago Zoological Society Conservation Leadership Programs:

- **ZAP**: # of Years involved_______________________________________________________
- **Kids’ Club**: # of Years involved___________________________________________________
- **YVC – (Any Tracks)**: Dates of participation______ _______ Total hours__________
- **King Scholars**: Dates of participation______________ Total hours__________
  Project(s)______________________________________________________________
- **C.Z.S. Paid Positions**: Name of position/title____________________________________
  Employed from _______ to _______
  Name and title of Primary Staff Contact__________________________________________
  Main job responsibilities________________________________________________________
- **C.E.L.O.**: Type of Experience (Internship/Externship/Etc)________________________
  Program Area: __________________ Dates of participation______________________
  Name and title of Primary Staff Contact__________________________________________
  Primary area of focus or Project Completed_______________________________________

Please list other Chicago Zoological Society programs or activities in which you have participated:____
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Of the courses you have taken for credit, which were the most interesting to you?____________________
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What major area of study do you plan to pursue?____________________________________________
Terms and Conditions

I hereby authorize the Chicago Zoological Society (CZS) and its Women’s Board (WB) to use my personal information, as contained in this application and attachments in any manner they deem appropriate. Specifically, I authorize CZS and the WB of CZS to use such information for fund raising, marketing and public relations purposes, including on CZS’ and the WB of CZS’ web site and other media used to promote and publicize CZS and the WB of CZS.

I understand and acknowledge that the Women’s Board has complete discretion as to whether to award this scholarship in any given year, to whom this scholarship may be awarded, and in what amounts.

Further, I verify that to the best of my knowledge, the enclosed information given on this application and attached to this application is accurate and truthful.

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)__________________________________________________________
(If applicant is under 21 years of age and not an Emancipated Minor)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s)__________________________________________________________
Date______________

Applicant’s Name (please print)___________________________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature________________________________________________ Date______________

Applications must be completed and received by Monday, February 12, 2018.

Please submit applications to:

Luis Mendez
Conservation Leadership Programs
Chicago Zoological Society
3300 Golf Road
Brookfield, IL 60513

Finalists to be interviewed by The Women’s Board Scholarship Selection Committee on Saturday, March 3, 2018. (Applicants must be available for an in-person interview to be eligible).

Award recipients to be notified by March 9, 2018.