

**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

- o Signed letter of recommendation that speaks to the purpose of this scholarship
- o Two (2) essays (see Personal Statements)
- o 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.

- 1. "The Conservation Leadership Program Experience: What did I gain and what did I contribute?"**
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 Mother Grandmother Other _____
(check all that apply)
 Father 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? no yes If yes, : Where? _____

Title/Position _____ Hours per Week _____

Personal Information – Continued

History of Participation in Chicago Zoological Society Conservation Leadership Programs:

o **ZAP** # of Years involved _____

o **Kids’ Club** # of Years involved _____

o **YVC – (Any Tracks)** : Dates of participation _____ Total hours _____

o **King Scholars:** Dates of participation _____ Total hours _____

Project(s) _____

o **CZS Paid Positions:** Name of position/title _____

Employed from _____ to _____

Name and title of Primary Staff Contact _____

Main job responsibilities _____

o **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? _____

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 _____
_____ Date _____

Applicant’s Name (please print) _____

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

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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.**