

FOVB Scholarship Information

1. Eligibility

A scholarship will be granted to a high school senior student planning to attend an accredited college or university and plans an environmental-related career.

2. Residency

To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must reside in Lake, McHenry, Kane, Cook, DuPage, Kendall, or Will County, and attend a high school in one of these counties.

3. Amount of Award

The award will be a one time scholarship of \$1000 for the school year 2010-2011.

4. Qualifications

Selection will be based upon scholastic achievement, career objective and a statement of personal environmental ethics.

5. How to Apply

- Applications will be available at Lake and McHenry County high school guidance offices, at Volo Bog State Natural Area, and online at www.friendsofvolobog.org.
- Complete the application, essay, and 2 letters of recommendation.
- One letter of recommendation should be from a teacher, and the second letter may be from any adult, not related to the applicant, who can address the applicant's motivation and maturity.
- Include the most recent available transcript with GPA computed on a 4-point scale.
- The application package should be submitted under the same cover to the address below. The letters of recommendation should be included in sealed envelopes. The person writing the reference should sign the back of the sealed flap of the envelope.
- Please read the "Application Guidelines" completely.

INCOMPLETE OR POSTAGE DUE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

6. Selection

A selection committee appointed by the Friends of Volo Bog Board of Directors will read the completed applications and make the final decision by April 2010.

7. Award

The scholarship recipient will be notified in May 2010. The check will be made jointly in the student's name and college's name and may be used for tuition, room, board or other fees. The recipient will also be featured in the FOVB newsletter.

Friends of Volo Bog Scholarship Application Guidelines

Please read the following information carefully **before** completing the attached scholarship form.

1. The Application Form

All required information on the 2010 Official Application Form must be completed. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. It is acceptable to use a photocopy of the 2010 form.

2. The Essay Statement

On separate paper, write a statement of your personal environmental ethics. The essay should be typewritten, single-spaced in 12-pt font. The margins should be one-inch on all sides. Do not put your name on the essay. The essay should be free of grammatical and spelling errors and should not exceed 400 words. The essay should be simply titled "My Statement of Environmental Ethics". There should be no hint of plagiarism. Cite any works not your own.

Your environmental ethics should reflect your beliefs regarding your view of the importance of the environment. In addition, this statement should communicate how these beliefs affect your actions.

3. The Goals Paragraph

On a separate page from your "My Statement of Environmental Ethics", tell us your intended profession or career and describe your specific educational plans immediately after high school to achieve this goal. This paragraph must be no longer than 200 words, must be typewritten, and clearly titled "Goals Paragraph".

4. Reference Letters

You must include two letters validating the information included in your application package. A third letter may be included if you desire. One letter must be from a teacher or guidance counselor who has known you for at least one year. The other letter(s) may be from any adult who has knowledge of your motivation and maturity. The letters must be written by the adults listed in Section 4 of the 2010 Official Application Form. The letters must be submitted with the application form in sealed business-sized envelopes, and the author of the letter must sign the sealed flap of the envelope. The letters should be written on the forms provided but additional pages may be attached to the reference.

5. An Official Transcript of Grades

Include a copy of your official transcript or permanent record showing your final grades for 9th, 10th and 11th grades. The document must clearly show a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on the 4.0 scale. If a different scale is used, the GPA MUST be converted to a 4.0-point scale by a school official and must be clearly marked on the transcript or record. This document must have an official signature and/or school seal. If an official transcript/record is released in a sealed signed envelope, the envelope MUST accompany the application package. The school official should sign the GPA Certification section of the scholarship application.

6. Preparing Your Application Package

All pages and materials must be no smaller than 8 ½" and 11" and no larger than 8 ½" and 11 ¾". The type used in the "My Statement of Environmental Ethics" and "Goals Paragraph" must not be smaller than a 12-point font. *If a smaller font size is used, you will be disqualified.* Print quality (especially from dot-matrix printers) must be clear and dark enough to photocopy readable copies. Use the checklist below for assembling and mailing your package.

Assemble your Application Package in the following order.

1. The Application Package Check List
2. The 2010 Official Application Form
3. My Statement of Environmental Ethics
4. Goals Paragraph

Staple the assembled package together in the upper left corner of the pages.

Add your high school transcript or permanent record and two (or three) letters of reference each in their sealed envelope.

Enclose all parts of your application package in ONE ENVELOPE and send to:

**FOVB Scholarship
Volo Bog State Natural Area
28478 W. Brandenburg Road
Ingleside, Illinois 60041**

7. Deadline

Your complete application package must be postmarked by March 12, 2010. The complete application package may be delivered in person to the Visitor Center at Volo Bog State Natural Area on or before March 12, 2010. *No faxes or emails will be accepted.* FOVB is not responsible for postal or delivery delays, delays due to acts of God, mail that is misdirected or lost, or has postage due!

Applications for the 2010 scholarship will be accepted beginning November 1, 2009. **Students are encouraged to submit the applications package early.**

8. Notification

The name of the winner will be posted in Volo Bog Visitor Center. The winner and the winner's school will be notified by May 2010.

Friends of Volo Bog Scholarship Application Package Check List

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

Application Check List

_____ Official Application Form is complete.

_____ Application Package is in the correct order.

_____ Two (or three) letters of reference are included in sealed envelopes.

_____ Official Transcript is included with GPA clearly indicated.

Applicant's Signature: _____

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 12, 2010!

Friends of Volo Bog Scholarship 2010 Official Application Form

This form by itself is NOT a complete application package. See the "Instructions for Completing the Application Package." All applications must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2010. **Failure to complete all portions of this form** (except Optional Information) **will result in disqualification.**

1. Applicant

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Home Phone	
Home Address	City	County	State	Zip

2. My ultimate career goal is: _____

(examples: wildlife management, ecologist, environmental lawyer)

School You Plan to Attend	City	State	Zip

3. Grade Point Average Certification. This section must be fully completed and signed by a high school official only. DO NOT write in the GPA or in any way change the information in this section or applicant will be disqualified.

I, _____, certify that _____ has a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
(Print name of school official) (Print applicant's name)

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Signature of High School Official	Title	Date	Daytime Phone

4. Reference Letter(s). Two letters from adults that can speak to the applicant's maturity and motivation must be included in the application package. One additional letter may also be included. References may not be written by the applicant, his/her relatives or legal guardian(s) or anyone under 21 years of age. At least one phone number must be included below for each reference.

A.

Last Name	First Name	Prefix (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr.)	Association with applicant (examples – teacher, counselor, scout leader)
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Daytime Phone	Evening Phone		

B.

Last Name	First Name	Prefix (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr.)	Association with applicant (examples – teacher, counselor, scout leader)
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Daytime Phone	Evening Phone		

C.

Last Name	First Name	Prefix (Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr.)	Association with applicant (examples – teacher, counselor, scout leader)
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Daytime Phone	Evening Phone		

5. Optional Applicant Information (for tracking purposes only):

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M ___ F ___ Race/Ethnicity: _____

School Type: Public ___ Private ___ **How did you hear about the FOVB scholarship?** _____

6. Winner agrees to the use of their name, likeness and information contained in their application package for advertising and promotional purposes for the FOVB Scholarship program without further compensation or notification. The information on this form and contained in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures.

Applicant's Signature	Date	Parent's/Guardian's Signature	Date

Parent's/Guardian's Name (printed)

FOVB Scholarship Recommendation Form A

This form must be completed by a teacher or guidance counselor at the applicant's school of attendance.

The student below is applying for a scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee wishes a frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student's maturity and motivation as well as any other pertinent facts are welcome evidence. If you need additional space, please feel free to attach an additional page. The appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant as long as it is submitted in a sealed envelope. To ensure this security, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope.

Applicant's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Name and Title

Institution

Signature

Date

FOVB Scholarship Recommendation Form B

This form may be completed by any non-related adult who has knowledge of the student's motivation and maturity. The student below is applying for a scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee wishes a frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student's maturity and motivation as well as any other pertinent facts are welcome evidence. If you need additional space, please feel free to attach an additional page. The appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant as long as it is submitted in a sealed envelope. To ensure this security, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope.

Applicant's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

How long have you known this applicant and what capacity?

Name and Title

Institution

Signature

Date

FOVB Scholarship Recommendation Form C

This form may be completed by any non-related adult who has knowledge of the student's motivation and maturity. The student below is applying for a scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee wishes a frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student's maturity and motivation as well as any other pertinent facts are welcome evidence. If you need additional space, please feel free to attach an additional page. The appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant as long as it is submitted in a sealed envelope. To ensure this security, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope.

Applicant's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

How long have you known this applicant and what capacity?

Name and Title

Institution

Signature

Date