

2025 CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Use additional pages as necessary.

DATE: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Applicant: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Identify your connection with the Izaak Walton League of America, if any: _____

High School Name: _____

Current class standing: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

College/University Name: _____

Location: _____

Your planned College Major: _____

Your College/University Mailing Address: (if known): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone, if known: _____

Your E-Mail Address: _____

Parents' Name(s): _____

Parents' Mailing Address: _____

Parents' Telephone and E-Mail: _____

Parents' E-Mail Address: _____

WRITTEN REQUIREMENTS: (USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)

INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES: (5 points): List your interests, hobbies and leisure activities (in 100 words or less).

PARTICIPATION IN 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 for each).

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

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 the Conservation Scholarship.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

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MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS: Should you be selected to receive an IWLA Conservation Scholarship, the IWLA reserves the right to distribute your name, photograph 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. By filing this application, you expressly agree to such use.

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

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

STUDENT AND PARENT RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION:

I hereby give permission to use the information provided in this application, and my photograph for recognition purposes if selected. If I am 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 this application is true and correct.

Student Name Printed: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date signed: _____

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HEAD / CHAIR OR ADVISOR:

The applicant, _____, currently is a full-time student of the senior high school class and will graduate at the end of the spring semester/quarter. His/her grade point average to date is _____, based on a 4-point scale.

The applicant has been accepted at the college indicated above and will be enrolled in a conservation or environmental-related curriculum of _____.

Name Printed _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

FINAL SUBMISSION:

When you have completed all parts of the application including the letter and essay requirements, please scan and submit the completed application form and requested attachments as a .pdf file **via e-mail** to mfchenoweth@mac.com.

Applications must be e-mailed no later than April 1st. Alternatively, applications may be sent by US Mail, but must be received by April 1, 2024, to be considered.

Notice:

Determination of the selected recipient, if any, of this scholarship is necessarily a subjective process. The decision will be made by officers of the Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, based on the information submitted in all applications, and is not subject to review or explanation as to why any particular applicant was or was not selected. The scholarship award includes a Student Membership in the Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, which also includes a Student Membership in the national IWLA.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS CHECK LIST:

Complete the following application steps:

- APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM**^[L]_[SEP]
- INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES (5 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (5 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (5 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (10 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- ESSAY: CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY (20 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- ESSAY: CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES (20 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- ESSAY: PERSONAL STATEMENT (20 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS (Requested)**^[L]_[SEP]
- ONE PERSONAL REFERENCE LETTER (5 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- TWO FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (10 points)**^[L]_[SEP]
- STUDENT'S RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION (Required)**^[L]_[SEP]
- DEPARTMENT HEAD/CHAIR OR ADVISOR SIGN-OFF (Required)**
- SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**

Michael F. Chenoweth, President [**mfchenoweth@mac.com**](mailto:mfchenoweth@mac.com)

Florida Keys Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America

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ATTN: Conservation Scholarship

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