



**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE
SOCIETY
SOUTHWEST REGION**

**2016
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 17, 2016

QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY (NAFWS)
SOUTHWEST REGION – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION for
2016**

Purpose of Scholarship:

To assist and enable Native American students in the Southwest Region pursue a course of study leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree, and post graduate degree in the field of natural resource management, including fisheries and wildlife biology, general biology, forestry, soil and range management, environmental and related earth sciences, and conservation law enforcement.

Scholarships can be used for books, fees, supplies, or any other school related expenses, including tuition costs.

Eligible Applicant:

- A. Must be an enrolled member of a federally-recognized Tribe or Alaska Native.
- B. Must be a current **full-time** student in good standing at an accredited institution of higher learning pursuing a degree in a field of natural resources.
- C. Must have legal residency within the Southwest Region of the NAFWS at the time of application. (Southwest Region include the States of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and southern California)
- D. Previous recipients of the NAFWS SW Region scholarship may be considered and awarded, depending on the number of applicants received.

Award Amounts:

- A. First Year or Freshmen Status - \$800.00/ year
- B. Sophomore - \$800.00/ year
- C. Junior - \$1000.00/ year
- D. Senior - \$1000.00/ year
- E. Post Graduate (Master's/Ph.D. Candidate) - \$500.00/year

Application: (A complete application should include)

- A. Acceptance into an accredited institution of higher learning
- B. Copy of most recent high school or undergraduate transcript. Include any awards and honors received.
- C. Copy of Tribal Membership

- D. Three (3) Letters of Reference, including (1) from elected or appointed Tribal leader (i.e., Council delegate, Chapter official, or Village/Pueblo leader); (1) from teacher, professor or counselor; (1) from member of a community organization, employer, or any other individual having knowledge of applicants achievements, leadership abilities, personal accomplishments and character.
- E. A short essay (1 – 2 pages) describing your interest in natural resources management, your career goals and how you would use the award to further your professional development.

The NAFWS Southwest Region will award four (4) scholarships and the recipients will be selected and notified by July 1, 2016. Scholarship eligibility will be based on a Fall/Spring academic year. The NAFWS Southwest Region highly encourages the recipients to attend the annual regional conference hosted by the Navajo Nation at the Twin Arrows Casino and Resort from August 9-11, 2016 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the annual awards banquet on August 10th.

Evaluation of Applicant:

- A. Applicants will be evaluated based on a total of 100 points awarded:
 - 1. Submission of a complete application package (A – E) - 25 points
 - 2. Student's GPA - (2.0 – 2.9 = 15 points) ; (3.0 – 4.0 = 20 points)
 - 3. Student Essay - 55 points

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SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOLARSHIP
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NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: _____

FIELD OF STUDY:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION YOU ATTEND/OR PLAN TO ATTEND:

CLASSIFICATION: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE (MONTH/YEAR):

Send Completed Application to:

**Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
1055th 17 Ave.
Suite 91
Longmont, CO 80501
ATT: Southwest Region Scholarship**

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