



ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

Conservation Scholarship Program



“For in the end, we will only conserve what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand only what we are taught.”

– Baba Dioum

Considering a career in conservation?

The AGFC Conservation Scholarship Program encourages young people to pursue careers in fish and wildlife management, natural resources, and education. These career opportunities include jobs in wildlife law enforcement, fisheries management, wildlife management, nongame specialists, environmental education, and various related fields.

Minimum requirements

Applicants must be Arkansas high school seniors or Arkansas college students who plan to attend an accredited Arkansas college or university and must pursue a degree in an approved field of study. Applicants must maintain full-time status and have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher (4.0 scale). Only Arkansas residents paying in-state tuition are eligible. Selections are based purely on merit, without discrimination to race, sex, religion, age, color, or national origin. Approved fields of study are listed below:

- Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Biology (non-medical)
- Botany
- Civil Engineering (emphasis sanitary/environmental, structural, or hydraulic)
- Conservation Management
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Management and Regulatory Science
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Park and Recreation Administration (emphasis Natural Resources)
- Science Education
- Wildlife Biology
- Zoology

Scholarship conditions

The AGFC Conservation scholarship grants \$1,000 per semester for freshman and sophomore students; \$1,500 per semester for junior and senior students; \$2,000 per semester for graduate students, based on continued eligibility. Scholarships are paid directly to the college or university.

Scholarship awardees must submit a renewal application form, along with their most recent official transcript and verification of major each semester to document continued eligibility and continue to receive their scholarship. Awardees are eligible for up to eight semesters of scholarship funding. If these eight semesters are non-consecutive, the student must reapply as a first-time applicant after the break in funding. NOTE: First-time applications are only accepted for fall semesters, and applicants must meet the postmark deadline.

How are scholarship recipients chosen?

The selection committee is made up of persons not employed by the AGFC. They make selections based on a standardized scoring system approved by the AGFC.

When is my application due?

The postmark deadline for applications is mid-June for the fall semester. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-July. We do not accept first time applications in spring. It is the recipient's responsibility to meet these deadlines which can be found on the program's web page at <http://www.agfc.com/education/Pages/EducationConservationScholarship.aspx>.

How do I apply

for the AGFC Conservation Scholarship Program?

Note: First time applications are not accepted for Spring semesters.

Step 1 Fill out all fields of the First-time Scholarship application form. (For first-time applicants or applicants who have skipped a semester.)

Step 2 Please complete a 300 word essay on the following topics:

1. **Career choice**
2. **Leadership activities**
3. **Employment/Volunteer experience**

Step 3 Please include the following additional materials with your First-time Scholarship application form:

1. A letter of recommendation from your advisor, counselor or a school faculty member.
2. Most recent official transcript. (High school students must send high school transcripts, college students may submit only their most recent college transcripts for consideration.) Photo copies and unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
3. If your official transcript does not list your declared field of study (major), you must also include an official verification of major from your university registrar's office that does list your major.

Step 4 If you are a first-time applicant, mail your completed First-time Scholarship application form and materials to:

AGFC Scholarship Program
First-time Applicant
Education Division
2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

Note: First-time applications are only accepted for fall semesters.



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APPLICATION

Date _____ Social Security Number XXX - XX - _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____
Day

Email _____

University attending _____

Gender Male Female

Race African-American Caucasian Asian-American
 Hispanic Other _____

Release and Certification I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes, if selected. I understand that I must be registered or accepted as a full-time student at an accredited Arkansas college or university to be eligible to receive a scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: We recommend that you send your application and materials via certified mail or request delivery confirmation when mailing to ensure that we receive it. Exceptions to the deadline cannot be made.

Checklist

Before you seal your envelope, make sure you've included the following:

- Completed application
- Completed essay questions
- Letter of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Official verification of major

Without these documents, applications will not be considered.

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