

Sheboygan Walleye Club Scholarship Application



BACKGROUND: From our mission statement, the Sheboygan Walleye Club (SWC) is “Walleye Fishing Education, Walleye Preservation, Walleye Fishing Recreation, as these relate to all natural resources and Walleye fishing specifically” Part of our mission includes education. The SWC realizes that education is important to the future our sport and fisheries. This Scholarship is to further encourage, promote, and recognize conservation leadership among future natural resource managers and professionals. This scholarship is designed to support undergraduates from recognized conservation related degree programs. Programs include Natural resource management/Fisheries. The SWC Scholarship is offered annually, and not only provide financial support, but also moral support from like-minded sportsmen and sportswomen.

QUALIFICATIONS: SWC Scholarship may be presented to no more than two undergraduate students attending college in the state of Wisconsin. Each scholarship includes up to a \$1000 scholarship, and a one-year SWC membership (new or renewed). Applicants must: 1. Be an undergraduate in a recognized conservation or environmental-related degree program. 2. Have junior or senior class standing (completed a minimum of 56 semester hours or 108 quarter hours). 3. Have at least one semester or two quarters remaining in their degree program. 4. Be scheduled to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student for the following fall semester/quarter.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Your completed application must be postmarked no later than May 15. Note: SWC reserves the right to extend this deadline on an annual basis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Complete the SWC Scholarship Application Form. Extra consideration will be given to candidates who enclose one letter of personal reference, or a letter of recommendation from faculty at your college/university, and then mail the completed packet to: SHEBOYGAN WALLEYE CLUB P.O. BOX 145 RANDOM LAKE, WI 53075-0145

You will receive a confirmation acknowledging receipt of your application. If you do not receive acknowledgment within two to three weeks, please call **Craig Kaiser (Scholarship Chair) 920-207-6507**, to confirm receipt of your application packet.

SELECTION PROCESS: Applicants will be evaluated based upon their knowledge of conservation/fisheries issues and their commitment to be a future conservation leader. Each submitted application will be reviewed by the SWC Board and Club Members. Attending a Club Meeting to present ones self in person is appreciated, but not required. Annually, the selection of recipients is completed by no later than the end of the month of July. All applicants will be notified as to their final decision soon after. Scholarships will be awarded directly no later than the beginning of the fall semester/quarter.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS: The scholarship may be used only for tuition, fees, books, room and board, or other research expenses related to applicant’s major. **Payments will be made directly to the**

college/university in the name of student, thus the student's identification number will be required only if selected. After the scholarship is paid, any major change in the recipient's course of study requires prior notification. The SWC reserves the right to withhold or terminate a scholarship due to unsatisfactory academic performance, or recipient's early departure or withdrawal from college. Scholarship criteria or procedures are subject to change without notice. Note: The receipt of a scholarship may affect your taxable income, deductions, or your ability to claim the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. Please contact a qualified tax advisor for advice on your specific situation. Likewise the receipt of a scholarship may affect your eligibility for other scholarships or financial assistance. This is commonly referred to as scholarship displacement. As this is an institutional policy, please contact an advisor at your institution of higher learning for details.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS CHECK LIST: Complete the following application steps:

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY & PERSONAL STATEMENT

PERSONAL REFERENCE LETTER/FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

STUDENT'S RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION (Required)

SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO: craigtkaiser@gmail.com or SHEBOYGAN WALLEYE CLUB P.O. BOX 145 RANDOM LAKE, WI 53075-0145 POSTMARKED BY NO LATER THAN MAY 15
*) *NOTE: Date subject to change annually. The SWC reserves the right to extend the deadline.

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM:

Date: _____ Student Identification Number: _____

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

College/University Name: _____

Location (City and State): _____

Current Class Standing (Check One): [] Sophomore [] Junior [] Senior Grade Point Average: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month and Year): _____ / _____

Conservation or Fisheries-Related Major: _____ Your

College/ University Mailing Address: _____ City,

State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

WRITTEN REQUIREMENTS:

INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Briefly list your interests, hobbies and leisure activities.

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS: Briefly list conservation, environmental, wildlife, sportsmen's, community and professional organizations to which you belong.

RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: List, with dates, any conservation and fisheries related work experience you have had.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES: Briefly describe any relevant activities and accomplishments. List relevant organizations, dates, offices held, committee chairs, or other examples of leadership in conservation and environmental organizations, professional associations and university groups and activities.

CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY/ PERSONAL STATEMENT: Discuss briefly your philosophy of natural resources/fisheries management as a component of conservation. Consider issues such as protection of soil, water, air, forests and fisheries and outdoor recreation. Also provide information concerning your career goals and objectives, such as how you plan to use your education and training in the future (in 100 words or less).

PERSONAL/FACULTY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION Enclose letters of recommendation from personal/college/university faculty stating why you are eligible to receive an SWC Scholarship.

Name: _____ Title: _____

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SWC Scholarship Application MEDIA AND PUBLICITY CONTACTS: Should you be selected to receive an SWC Scholarship, the SWC reserves the right to distribute your name, major, university and hometown in the form of a Statement on national, regional and local media.

STUDENT'S RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION: I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes if 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 a SWC scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in the application is true and correct.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FINAL SUBMISSION: When you have completed all parts of the application including the letter and essay requirements, please submit via U.S. Postal Service the completed application form and required attachments directly to the Sheboygan Walleye Club or email them to Craig Kaiser – Scholarship Chair.