

Mountaineer Chapter: Scholarship Program



THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mountaineer Chapter Scholarship Program is to assist students who plan to pursue a degree in higher education. Only students who choose to study in the fields of forestry, environmental sciences, wildlife, fisheries, conservation, or agricultural sciences will be considered.

FUNDING

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to two (2) graduating seniors as determined by the Scholarship Selection committee. Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to current college students. Monies for all four scholarships will be dispersed at a rate of \$500 per semester. Awards will be competitive and granted on a yearly basis. Recipients must apply each year by the scholarship deadline if they wish to be considered for the scholarship. Scholarships may be awarded for up to 4 years.

APPLICATIONS

Interested students must complete and submit a Scholarship Application on or before May 1st, 2024 to be considered for the award to be applicable to the 2024-2025 school year. Applications should be completed, and a hard copy sent to: *Scholarship Committee, c/o Chris Thompson, 217 Hickory Drive Elkins, WV 26241.*

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE –The Scholarship Committee will be appointed by the Chapter President. The committee will review all scholarship applications and will make the final decisions on the recipients. Scholarships will be announced at the June membership meeting. Applications will be rated according to the following criteria:

Test Scores (Entrance Exams)	5 points	Written Essay	5 Points
Cumulative Grade point Average (GPA)	5 points	Izaak Walton League Membership	5 points
Conservation/Environmental Volunteer	5 points		

Any volunteer service that is considered as protecting or helping the environment

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Preference will be given to students who have had membership in the Mountaineer Chapter of the IWLA for a minimum of one year. "Membership is defined as having a student membership, or the parent or guardian having membership in the chapter." Age may not exceed 25 years by the application deadline.

Scholarship checks will be made payable to both the educational institution and the recipient, thus requiring two (2) endorsements to accomplish payment. Each recipient is expected to be a full-time student and maintain a grade-point average of 2.5 or better. Current recipients are required to provide a written report or make a presentation at a membership meeting of the Mountaineer Chapter of IWLA before the application deadline. The report is to explain how the scholarship had benefitted his/her career development and must include a copy of the student's cumulative grade-point average.

If no graduating seniors apply for the IWLA Scholarships, the committee reserves the right to award these funds to college applicants. The committee also reserves the right to transfer college funds to graduating high school seniors if no college students apply. **The committee additionally reserves the right to not award scholarships if no qualified students apply. Scholarship recipients that fail to report will NOT be considered for additional scholarships.**



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APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____ IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE MEMBER YES ___ or NO ___

Address _____ Home Phone () _____

Have you volunteered participation in any conservation activities within your community over the past year?
 Yes ___ or No ___

For High School Seniors ONLY

Highest or Most Recent Entrance Exam Scores Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

SAT _____ or ACT _____ *(Please include an official copy of your latest high school transcript.)*

College or University you plan to attend: _____

College Major (field of study) _____ Minor (field of study) _____

College Address _____

Final Step: Please complete the essay provided for high school applicants: At least 250 words, but no more than 350 words.

For Current College Students ONLY

College or University attending: _____

Cumulative College Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

College Major (field of study) _____

Minor (field of study) _____

College Address _____

(Please include a copy of your latest transcript)

Final Step: Please complete the essay provided for college applicants: At least 250 words, but no more than 350 words.

APPLICANT's Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Please be sure all parts of the application are complete.
 Print a hard copy, include a signature, and mail to the previously stated address.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY

Sir Izaak Walton, in his book, "The Complete Angler", centralized his theme of sustainability into a concept we honor today. Explain sustainability and provide two examples of sustainability we practice today.

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FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

Starting in 1922, the IWLA has had a successful 100 years of conservation practices throughout our nation. Please discuss at least 4 topics that IWLA members have championed over this first 100 years and how your career may be able to help in our next 100 years of service to our nation and world.

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