

GUILFORD SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONSERVATION SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

Stipend: A single \$4000.00 or multiple - Award(s) based on merit

Eligibility: Any high school student from the area served by the Guilford Sportsmen's Association (GSA)* or any dependent of a member of the Guilfords Sportsmen's Association who has been accepted into an accredited program of higher education in the conservation sciences.

Definition: The conservation sciences area is broadly defined and encompasses any systematic body of knowledge regarding a person's relationship to and utilization of their natural environment. Environmental branches of the biological, physical and social sciences, forestry, wildlife and fisheries management, marine biology, oceanography, environmental engineering, ecology, parks and recreational services would all be considered "conservation sciences". This list is not all inclusive.

Deadline for receipt of completed application: ***June 3, 2026.***

Directions: *Mail or email completed application and arrange for a transcript of your high school grades to be sent to:*

GSA Scholarship Committee
c/o Kate Van Wilgen kate.vanwilgen@gmail.com
19 Balaurel Drive
Guilford, CT 06437

Recommendations (3): Hand the recommendation form to your respective choices and have them mail the completed recommendation forms directly to the above address. *One recommendation from a science teacher is required.*

Transcripts: Arrange to have a copy of your transcripts sent to the committee.

Further Information:

Contact your guidance office or contact: Kate Van Wilgen, GSA Scholarship Committee
Chairman at the above address or at 203-675-6209 or kate.vanwilgen@gmail.com
Or -- info@guilfordsportsmen.org

*Generally considered to be: Guilford HS, D. Hand HS, Morgan School, Coginchaug RHS, North Branford HS, HK Regional HS, Branford HS, East Haven HS, North Haven HS. **Other schools may be considered if students originate from these towns.

APPLICATION FORM
GUILFORD SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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Due: June 3, 2026

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Parent Name _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

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Employer _____

List schools or colleges you have applied to _____

School you are choosing to attend (if decided)? _____

What field do you intend to major in? _____

Have you applied for other scholarships? _____

If so, which? _____

Have you applied for financial assistance at the institutions you have listed above? _____ Have you received any to date? _____ If so, how much? _____

If not, when will you be notified? _____

Please feel free to type your answers and attach or use Google Docs to type directly into the fields below.

Essay Questions:

1. Describe your long term career goals and aspirations in the sciences field?

2. Describe those influences that have been meaningful to you in deciding your career path. Include school activities, hobbies, special talents or interests, volunteer work, part-time employment or summer work experience or any other factor which has stimulated your future plans. If you have received any awards, honors or civic recognition in any facet of the conservation field please describe.

3. (Essay) What do you perceive as being the major ecological problems facing? *Be sure to address all three of the following:*

- a. the immediate Connecticut Shoreline
- b. the United States
- c. the world in general

Now that you have defined these problems, how would you proceed to correct them if given unlimited funds and assistance?

Required references:

1. Any **Science teacher** you have had.

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____

2. Any humanities teacher you have had.

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____

Optional Reference:

3. Any humanities teacher or other influential person in your life that is not a family member (coach/employer/etc.)

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____

How has this person come to know you?

What is the name of the Guidance Counselor who will be sending the requested transcripts to the committee?

Notice to applicant:

Please print your name at the top of each recommendation form. Please hand the recommendation forms directly to those you have listed above. Completed recommendation forms are to be mailed to:

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Name of Teacher: _____

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How strongly do you consider this applicant should be considered for this award? _____

*Comments: (indicate if there is an attachment)

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