

## **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 Guilford 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](mailto: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](mailto:kate.vanwilgen@gmail.com)  
Or -- [info@guilfordsportsmen.org](mailto: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**  
**CONSERVATION SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP**

**Due: June 3, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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List schools or colleges you have applied to \_\_\_\_\_

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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?

[illegible]

[illegible]

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

- the immediate Connecticut Shoreline
- the United States
- the world in general

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

[illegible]

**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?

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

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**Notice to applicant:**

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**Name of Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\*Comments: (indicate if there is an attachment)

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