

# REVISED 2024 MTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in a 2 or 4-year program at an accredited college, trade school, or university in the following fields or related branches of that field.

A. Natural Resources Forestry/Wildlife/Fisheries etc.

B. Biology

C. Ag. Science/Engineering

D. Animal Science/Medicine (Veterinarian)

E. Other

\* If you or your family members are currently members of the MTA, your field of study may be in any area of interest. If not a member, your field of study must fall into one of the specified categories listed above.

\* Applicants unaffiliated with MTA or the sport of trapping are encouraged to apply for any available scholarship; however, preference points will be awarded to those with MTA affiliation.

\* Transcripts are not to be included with this application. Official transcripts will be required of successful applicants when scholarships are awarded.

\*Please refrain from identifying individual MTA members by name in your autobiography to eliminate potential bias. Recommendations are not required and should not be included in your application or narrative paper.

**Note to previous applicants/award recipients:** If reapplying for award consideration, be certain not to simply submit a narrative from a previous year as changes have been implemented and new questions have been added. Take time to reflect and write an original narrative for consideration this cycle. You may include some of the same information but the narrative needs to be fresh and original in overall content. Those who simply forward previous will be evaluated accordingly and potentially be rejected entirely.

GENERAL INFORMATION: (please type or print legibly)

Full name:

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Address:

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info (phone/email):

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Is the applicant a current MTA Member? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Is a member of your family an MTA member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Member Name/Hometown:

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School of Enrollment/address:

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In addition, each applicant shall submit a typewritten two-page, single-spaced narrative paper addressing each of the following areas:

1. Your past experiences: In autobiographical form tell us about yourself with particular emphasis on those formal and informal learning experiences which have had the most impact on becoming the person you are today.
2. How specifically has the outdoors influenced your environmental views?
3. If you eventually end up working at the career choice you've geared your education toward, how would you anticipate advocating for outdoor pursuits such as hunting and trapping in your sphere of influence in the workplace?
4. Have you been personally exposed to modern trapping at some point in your life? If so, what was/is your level of participation?
5. What are three of the most important environmental issues to ensure biodiversity in Minnesota's wildlife landscape?
6. What does a consumptive wildlife activity (such as trapping) ultimately contribute to modern society aside from direct economic benefit to the individual?

Scholarship Award Disbursement: Students must have achieved at least a 2.5 GPA overall based on a minimum of 12 credits a quarter or semester during the previous grading period if currently attending college to qualify for disbursement. If the scholarship recipient is an incoming freshman from high school, the recipient must complete one quarter/semester of higher education and then provide a copy of the official transcript to the Education Coordinator, which reflects a minimum 2.5 GPA for the quarter/ semester to receive their scholarship disbursement.

Grace Period: Those awarded scholarships will be allowed one "grace" quarter/semester to achieve an adequate GPA to retain their award. If the student does not attain the required GPA the following quarter/semester, the awarded scholarship will be forfeited without exception but the individual is free to apply for another scholarship the following year if they desire.

**All scholarship applications must be postmarked/received electronically between June 20th and July 1st annually to be eligible for consideration.** All applications and accompanying narratives must be sent to:

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RE: Scholarship  
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