



Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship Application Cover

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Applicant's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County of Residency (Check One): McHenry Lake

Phone: () - Email Address: _____

High School Attended: _____

College or University: _____

(Check One): Attending Enrolled Planning to Enroll

I certify that all the statements and documents that I am submitting are truthful and correct. Also, that this application was prepared by myself.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Date Application Received: _____ 20____ Application Number: _____

Items Received: Transcripts 3 Letters of Recommendation Profile



Kenneth Fiske

Memorial Conservation Scholarship

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Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior or high school graduate (diploma or G.E.D. certificate)
- Be attending, enrolled, or planning to enroll in full-time course of study at an accredited two- or four-year community college, college or university
- Be enrolled in a natural resource field such as fish or wildlife biology, conservation management, air quality, botany, conservation education, ecology, forestry, hydrology, soils, pollution control, geology, geography, or water quality
- Have a GPA of at least 3.0/4.0
- Have their permanent address in McHenry or Lake Counties in Illinois.

BACKGROUND

Kenneth Van Dyne Fiske was a long-time Board Member of the McHenry-Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District. He served on the board for over 30 years.

Ken served with the US Navy during World War II. Upon completing his service, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He was a member of the Wisconsin Agricultural Alumni Association. Ken worked in Chicago as a television producer at NBC, creating the show "Out on the Farm". He then went on to work with the National Safety Council, Velsicol Chemical Company, and was a founder of the Northeast Illinois Natural Resource Center based at the Morton Arboretum. In 1971, he became the first Executive Director of the newly-formed McHenry County Conservation District. He and his wife Darlene also spend many hours working for the National Audubon Society.

Because of Ken's passion for the conservation of our natural resources, the Board of the McHenry-Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District is honored to offer this scholarship in Ken's memory.



SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected based on: academic record, a demonstrated commitment to natural resource conservation activities, honors, work experience, statement of educational and career goals, natural resource oriented community service, and recommendations from a counselor, advisor, instructor or employer.

Selection of recipients is made by the Board of the McHenry-Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District. The decisions of the judges are final. All applicants will receive notification, even if they are not the recipient of the scholarship award.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants of the Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a resident in one of the following Illinois counties: McHenry or Lake
- Be a high school senior or a high school graduate (diploma or GED certificate)
- Be a student who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a fulltime course of study at an accredited two or four year community college, college, or university in a natural resource field such as fish or wildlife biology, conservation management, air quality, botany, conservation education, ecology, forestry, hydrology, soils, pollution control, geology, geography, or water quality
- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Interested students must complete the attached application and submit it to the Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship Administrator, 1648 S. Eastwood Drive, Woodstock, IL 60098. In addition to the completed application, you must send the following:

- Transcripts on official letterhead (high school and college, if applicable)
- Three letters of recommendation from a counselor, instructor, employer, or other individual qualified to assess the applicant's scholarship, community service and commitment to natural resources
- Provide a typed, double spaced, maximum of two pages profile of yourself stressing career goals and aspirations including why you are interested in pursuing a career in the natural resources field and what you hope to accomplish when you complete your education

All information received is considered confidential. All application documents become the property of the Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship Administrator and cannot be returned. The McHenry-Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District may use such items as the scholarship winner's name, city, past community involvement and natural resource aspirations in the promotion of the scholarship.



AWARDS

The Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship will award a scholarship in amount of \$500.00. Recipients must enroll in school no later than the fall session following the announcement of awards. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction, and other fees. Scholarship money may not be used for room and board. Scholarships are not automatically renewable, but past recipients may re-apply. Any applicant selected in one year may re-apply in any later year for which they are eligible.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship awards will be paid in one payment in late July. Checks will be made payable to the post secondary institution the applicant indicated on their application form and mailed directly to that institution.

PROGRAM REVISIONS

The Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship Administrator reserves the right to review and change the conditions and procedures of this program at any time, including termination of the scholarship program. Previously approved scholarships will not be affected by subsequent changes to the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Documents must be received by the Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship Administrator by **February 15th** of each year (assumes changes by year if 15th on a weekend). The administrator will acknowledge receipt of application.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to:

**Kenneth Fiske Memorial Conservation Scholarship Administrator
McHenry-Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District
1648 S. Eastwood Drive
Woodstock, IL 60098**

If there are additional questions pertaining to this scholarship, you may email them to: Spring.duffey@il.nacdnet.net. Please use the subject line, "Attention Scholarship Administrator."