



# Environmental Education Scholarship

## **Nature of the Award**

Rice Area Sportsmen's Club will award **up to four (4) scholarships**, each worth **\$1,000**, to qualified high school seniors who wish to further their education in the field of conservation environmental sciences, natural resources or a related field of study. The donor on a yearly basis will determine the amount of this scholarship and the number of scholarships given. The recipient(s) of the scholarship award will be selected from among the applicants of area school districts. The award is to be used at an accredited, 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational/technical school and is to be applied toward tuition, lodging, books, and any other educational expenses.

## **Purpose of the Award**

In sponsoring these scholarships, the Rice Area Sportsmen's Club emphasizes the unique privileges and benefits of the school system in the United States in perpetuating and improving our environment and our way of life. Citizens living in a democracy, as free men and women, must be well informed to intelligently exercise their rights to live in a clean and safe environment.

## **Qualifications**

Applicants must be graduating seniors of the Sauk Rapids-Rice, Foley, Sartell, Royalton or Pierz school districts and entering a field of Environmental Study. The Rice Area Sportsmen's Club will seek to evaluate the following applicant qualifications: (1) work ethic; (2) character and personality; (3) leadership; and (4) potential to benefit from advanced training.

## **Application**

- 1) Complete and enclose a Rice Area Sportsmen's Club Scholarship Application.
- 2) Write and enclose a Short Essay describing why this scholarship is desired and any experience and background which demonstrate your personal dedication to the environment/conservation, or fishing and/or hunting heritage. **Essay must be typed and double-spaced.**
- 3) **Application Deadline:** The scholarship application and essay must be completed and returned to the high school's guidance office on or before the deadline established by each local high school or March 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first.

## **Selection Process**

- 1) The selection committee shall be composed of the Rice Area Sportsmen's Club scholarship committee.
- 2) The selection will be based on overall GPA, work experience, participation in school and community activities, leadership, personal statement of career goals and short essay.
- 3) The recipients will be announced at their school's scholarship awards program. Award will be paid directly to the recipient upon successful completion of the first semester with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and show enrollment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of school. Such evidence should be mailed to:

Rice Area Sportsmen's Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 21, Rice, MN 56367

**Please type the following information. This form and the Essay must be returned to your school's Guidance Office by established deadline or March 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first.**

**Applicant Data:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_