



Montana Wilderness Association is proud to offer three \$500 college scholarships to students in Lincoln, Lake and Sanders Counties who outstandingly demonstrate their love of and commitment to public lands in an essay. The award winner will be determined by the Montana Wilderness Association, Flathead-Kootenai Chapter Board of Directors.

All scholarship applicants receive a FREE YEAR MEMBERSHIP to MWA.

Applications are due Friday, April 13, 2018

Application Requirements:

1. The applicant must be a current student of Lake, Sanders, or Lincoln County with plans of graduating and enrolling in a higher education institution in the Fall of 2018. The scholarship award money must be used to assist with tuition costs at a community college, college, university, or technical school.
2. Please include your name, high school, email address and phone number at the top of your essay.
3. Before beginning your essay, please provide an introduction of yourself in a short paragraph. Describe your future plans, goals, current student involvement and any extracurricular activities that interest you.
4. In an essay of 300 - 500 words, please address the following: *Here in Montana public lands play an important role in nearly everyone's lives. Among the many benefits they provide is the opportunity for people to escape from the stresses of the modern world and recharge in a natural environment. Even long ago before the days of high-technology, the benefits of this escape were recognized. For instance, American writer Henry David Thoreau noted that "In wildness is the preservation of the world". Discuss your experiences away from the busyness of modern life (including your cellphone!), and why you believe these experiences are important not only for you and your family, but for your community at large.*

Application Process:

1. Students must submit their application via email to amy.pearson@asu.edu by **April 13, 2018**. Applications should be sent as an email attachment, preferably in .pdf format. Please include "2018 scholarship application" in the subject line of the email.
2. Questions may be directed to Amy Pearson, amy.pearson@asu.edu
3. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
4. The board of directors will deliberate on the winner of the scholarship in May, at which point applicants will be notified.
5. With consent, winning essays will be printed in the local news and/or the MWA webpage.