2024 OPCA Scholarship Application

Anita C. Leight Estuary Center
700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

The Otter Point Creek Alliance (OPCA) awards a scholarship in the amount of $1,000 to college-bound seniors who have shown a high level of commitment to the health of the environment and plan to continue their studies in environmental sciences or nature education. Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2024.

Applications will be available each year through your school's guidance office, on the Anita C. Leight Estuary website or at the Estuary Center.

Application Guidelines:
Qualified applicants are college-bound seniors who live in and attend a Harford County school who wish to pursue a career in nature education or environmental sciences and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.

Please provide the following information (use extra pages as needed):

Student Name_____

Address_____

City_____State Zip_____

School_____

Phone:_____Email Address: _____

Anticipated college major or career goal:_____

Colleges and Universities applied to (please include acceptance letters):

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List all extracurricular activities relative to nature and the environment:

Student Activities:_____

Community Activities (list and include volunteer hours):_____

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Employment related to conservation or environment: _____

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List other activities within the last 4-year period which may distinguish you as an applicant: _____

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List recognitions and awards:

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Enclose three letters of recommendation (at least one from a science teacher and one from the community).

Enclose official high school transcripts and your most recent report card.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ESSAY: (Must be typed, double-spaced)

> *What difference can one person make?*
> The essay should demonstrate your past, present and future interest in the environment and describe in what ways you see yourself contributing to provide solutions for the problems of the environment through your personal and career choices.

<u>Must be delivered or postmarked by May 1, 2024 to:</u>   Scholarship committee
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Signature: _____   Date:_____

Checklist:
- ❑   Completed application
- ❑   Letters of recommendation
- ❑   Essay
- ❑   Official copy of your high school transcripts
- ❑   Copy of your latest report card
- ❑   Copies of acceptance letters