

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
SPORTSMAN'S CHAPTER
JAMES A. THOMAS CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

Please print the requested information below

Name: _____
First - Middle Initial - Last

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

High School or College presently attending:

College you will attend: _____

College mailing address: _____

*Note College/University students need to provide the mailing address for the financial aid or admissions office. The information provided will not be shared with any third party.

Major planning to pursue: _____

List school related conservation/environmental activities participated in: _____

List non-school volunteer conservation/environmental activities participated in: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In an essay (500-800 words): Please describe your outdoor experiences and the importance of conservation efforts to you, your family, and our community as a whole.

Your Scholarship Essay will be graded as follows:

1. Knowledge & experiences – 45%
2. Depth of content and understanding of conservation principles – 45%
3. Grammar, punctuation, and spelling – 10%

Please write your essay using Microsoft Word. The recommended type font is Times New Roman, 12 – point size. It may be acceptable to use other typefaces, as long as your essay is easy to read and professional in appearance.

References: Enclose a letter of reference from a teacher/counselor or conservationist with whom you have worked.

Please return the completed application, essay and a letter of reference postmarked no later than April 1, 2026 by mail to:

**IWLA SPORTSMAN'S CHAPTER
% SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
5018 ONION RD.
PYLESVILLE, MD 21132**

Amount and Deadline: \$1000 (1 Award) – April 1, 2026

Scholarship Eligibility: To be eligible for the IWLA Sportsman's Chapter conservation scholarship you must be currently in Grade 12 and planning on entering into your first year of college/university in 2026, or be currently in your first or second year of college/university.

Applicant must be a Harford County, Maryland resident. An applicant is also eligible if an active member or dependent of an active member of the IWLA Sportsman's Chapter residing outside of Harford County, Maryland.

Application materials must be submitted by the April 1, 2026 deadline.

Scholarship Award Selection: The winner will be selected and notified before April 30, 2026. The award will be presented at our May 6, 2026 meeting.

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