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NATURALIST SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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Springfield Plateau Chapter of Missouri Master Naturalists

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROMISING NATURALIST WRITERS GRADUATING IN 2016

Scholarship Entry Rules

1. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
2. Candidate must be a graduating senior.
3. Candidate should be planning on entering college in fall 2016. Candidates should create an original written entry specifically for this scholarship award. Entry may also be submitted as written material for grading if applicable to an assignment.

Submission Process (Use as a checklist to be sure of acceptance)

- Completed scholarship application form
- Letter from student stating his/her interest in ecology and college plans, including name of college if choice has been made
- Entries must focus on the natural world: environment, ecology. May be descriptive and/or issue oriented and may be of any genre.
- Student's written interpretation of haiku or poetry submissions (Judges want to be certain that they understand the author's intent and motivation.)
- Entries will consist of one written work which may be as brief as a haiku or as long as six pages of poetry or prose, which can include any form such as non-fiction, fiction, personal opinion, journalism, futuristic exposition, or any other that suits the author's purpose. Entries may be submitted in multiple categories.
- Entries should be double spaced and in 14 font. (Larger font and/or bold print may be used in titles and headings.)
- Entries must include a statement of originality **signed by the student, parent, and a teacher or counselor**. The statement of originality may include any information the student chooses. However, the student must include, **in his/her own handwriting**, the following statement:
The enclosed writing samples are my original work.
- Submitted creative works must be bound in an essay folder; not loose-leaf, stapled or paper-clipped.
- Submit two copies

Though it should be submitted in conjunction with LAD Fair entries, this scholarship is not part of the LAD Fair writing competition, and an applicant should not use a LAD Fair entry sheet as the application for this competition. Use the Master Naturalist Scholarship Application form.

Mail your entry directly to:

Melissa Troxell
Master Naturalist Scholarship
Willard High School
515 E Jackson
Willard, MO 65781

Questions? Contact:

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DEADLINE: Postmarked by March 11, 2016 or delivered to Willard High School by 4:30 p.m. on March 18, 2016.