

2020 Inspired by Nature Scholarship

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Poet Wendell Berry offers a definition of nature poetry as writing that “considers nature as subject matter and inspiration” (poets.org).

“The poetry of nature inspires curiosity, fosters a quest for understanding, and gives meaning where none was before.” —FSJ

Share your creativity inspired by nature, using one of the poetry genres listed below. Entries should focus on the natural world. They might illustrate a human connection with nature or describe the beautiful, inspiring, or powerful aspect of nature.

Entries will be evaluated on creativity, originality, imagery, artistic quality, and mastery of poetic expression. Scholarship recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Scholarship Entry Rules

- Entrant must be a graduating senior
- One entry per student
- Entry limited to one poem (from genres listed below)
- Entry must be typed, 12-point font, on 8½ x 11 paper
- Entry must be a minimum of 16 lines long
- Entry must have a title

Choose from the following genres:

(See LAD Category Descriptions at ladfair.com for genre descriptions.)

- Ballad
- Geopoem
- Long Free Verse
- Long Narrative (may be rhymed or unrhymed)
- Long Rhymed

Submission Process and Deadline

- Complete an Inspired by Nature Scholarship application.
- Staple the application form to the front of the entry.
- Mail to contact below **OR** deliver in person:

If mailing, postmark by March 20, 2020 to the following:

Melissa Troxell

Inspired by Nature Scholarship

Willard Middle School

205 Miller Road

Willard, MO 65781

Questions?

Contact Frank S. Johnson

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If delivering in person, drop off at Willard Middle School by 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2020

