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CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

2011 Application Form

The Illinois Conservation Foundation offers the Conservation Achievement Scholarship to promote the value of our natural world and encourage the next generation of leaders to engage in personal efforts to preserve and enhance a sustainable outdoor environment. This opportunity is available to outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated effective, voluntary, long-term dedication to the preservation, protection, enhancement and/or promotion of Illinois' natural resources. Three scholarships will be awarded for the 2010-2011 school year: one for \$5,000; one for \$3,000; and one for \$2,000. These scholarships are one-time awards that are not renewable. Scholarship funds may be used for the following expenses related to the two- or four-year college or university degree that the scholarship recipient is pursuing: tuition; college/university fees; textbooks; room and board at the college/university. Funds are mailed directly to the college/university of the successful applicants.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Applications must be postmarked by November 30, 2010.

Applicant must be:

- a senior in an Illinois high school during the year of the scholarship award
- an Illinois resident
- able to document voluntary, effective contributions to Illinois' natural resources throughout his/her high school enrollment
- enrolling in a two- or four-year college or university program of study in the calendar year of his/her high school graduation
- a student in good standing at his/her high school and possess a 2.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (3.1 grade point average or better on a 5.0 scale)

Applicant must submit:

- completed application form
- a transcript from his/her current high school showing good standing academically
- a 500-word essay (double-spaced, typewritten) explaining why he/she is qualified to receive the award; The essay

should provide specific examples of how the student's voluntary efforts in Illinois throughout his/her high school years have resulted in preservation, protection, enhancement and/or promotion of Illinois' natural resources as well as how the efforts influenced people.

- a letter of support from the principal, assistant principal or guidance counselor
- three letters of support from people familiar with the student's voluntary conservation efforts in Illinois
- media documentation (copies of newspaper articles, photographs, announcements, etc.) of the student's voluntary conservation efforts in Illinois
- copy of acceptance letter from two- or four-year college or university and student identification number at that college or university; If student is not yet accepted, provide the name and address of colleges/universities that have been or will be applied to for enrollment. Should the student win the award, receipt of funding will be pending until this information has been submitted.

Please print this form and provide the following information.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

County: _____

Return the completed application and all attachments to **Illinois Conservation Foundation**,
One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702. Applications must be postmarked by **November 30, 2010**.

Questions? Contact Kathy Wheeler at 217-785-2003 or kathy.wheeler@illinois.gov.