



# Friends of Topsmead Annual Scholarship Program Application

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## Overview

The Board of Directors of Friends of Topsmead State Forest has established an annual scholarship program for high school seniors. We offer one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student pursuing a career in environmental/ecological studies, resource management, conservation, or historic preservation. This award will be made to the financial aid office of the school the student will be attending to offset his/her/their educational costs.

## Program Objectives

Our objective is to support students seeking future careers in environmental management, including preservation or conservation of our collective historic heritage. We intend to invest in the future of parks like Topsmead by investing in people with a passion for stewardship of our environment and sustainability of our natural and historic resources.

## How applications will be evaluated:

- A student who has been accepted into an accredited university/college/post-secondary program with a planned major in environmental studies, historic preservation/architectural history, resource conservation/management, or related field
- A demonstrated interest in these fields of focus with related activities and academics
- Having a career goal that meets the program objectives
- Financial need
- Academic success



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### Instructions:

1. **Who is Eligible:** Any high school senior attending school in Litchfield, Morris, Warren, or Goshen Connecticut. (Includes Litchfield High School, Wamogo, and Forman School)
2. **Application deadlines:** Fill out and submit your application and two references by April 23rd. All applicants will be notified of the selected award winner by June 1st. Applications must be submitted by (either or both):
  - a. Electronically to [friendsoftopsmead@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftopsmead@gmail.com) – attention Scholarship Committee
  - b. US Postal Service – sent to Friends of Topsmead Scholarship program, P.O. Box 1081, Litchfield, CT 06759

*Please keep a copy of your application and related materials.*

### Part I. Basic Information

Application submittal date (mm/dd/yy):

Current School Attending:

Name (first, middle initial, last):

Address (number and street address):

City

State

Zip

Telephone/Cellphone:

Email Address:

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy):





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### **Part IV. Financial Need**

1. Please submit a copy of your FAFSA form
2. Please describe your financial need (submit/attach any relevant documentation) including your expected educational costs and financial resources to meet those costs.
  
3. Please list below any other scholarships or financial aid/assistance you will be utilizing to attend college/university/post-secondary program

### **Part V. Tell Us About Yourself**

Please submit an essay (no more than 1.5 pages) telling us how this scholarship will help you meet your career goals.

### **Part VI. References**

Please submit two letters of reference regarding you as a student: your high school career, academic success, and long-term career goals.

### **Application Checklist – Submitted?**

- Application form
- Transcript
- 2 Reference letters
- Essay
- Statement of financial need
- FAFSA form

**For any Questions** – please email Daniela Larsson care of [friendsoftopsmead@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftopsmead@gmail.com), subject 'Scholarship Question'