



Friends of Topsmead Annual Scholarship Program For Future Career Environmental Stewards 2026

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.

Who is Eligible: Any high school senior attending school in Connecticut Regional District 20 or Forman School.

Application deadlines: Submit your application with associated attachments by April 17, 2026. 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 – 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.



FTSF Scholarship Application

Please submit/include all the items below in your application.

1. **Basic Information/Application form** (see page 3)
2. **Resume:** Employment experiences; volunteer and community service; school leadership/extracurricular activities; other relevant accomplishments
3. **Current High School Transcript:** including GPA and class ranking if available
4. **SAR** (Student Aid Report) from FAFSA – include pages with
 - a. Overall annual school costs (estimated)
 - b. EFC score (expected family contribution)
 - c. If FAFSA is not available at the time of your application, please list your overall expected annual school costs and expected family contribution
5. **Other Aid:** Please list any other scholarships or financial aid/assistance you will be utilizing to attend college/university/post-secondary program.
6. **Recommendations:** Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation relevant to this application. This can be from any important or influential adult but not a family member.
7. **Essay:** In 500 to 800 words, please share the story of why you are applying for the Friends of Topsmead State Forest Scholarship.

For any Questions – please email Carol Gould care of friendsoftopsmead@gmail.com, subject ‘Scholarship Question’



FTSF Scholarship Basic Application Form

Applicant Information

Name (first, middle initial, last): _____

Date of Birth _____

Application submittal date _____

Present School Attending: _____

Graduation Month/Year _____

Address (number and street address):

Telephone/Cellphone: _____

Email Address: _____

College Information: List the names of your preferred colleges to which you have been accepted, intended major, and the financial aid/scholarships/grants each has offered:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Family Information:

1) Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (number and street address):

Phone Number: _____



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2) Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (number and street address):

Phone Number: _____

Siblings/# and ages _____

How many of them will be in college next year (including you)?

If there are family/other circumstances that might be important for us to know, please explain:

Please list application attachments: