

# **TEACH Outdoors Scholarship**

# **TEACH Outdoors, Inc. NFP**

## **Scholarship Application Rules, Eligibility and Information**

TEACH Outdoors, Inc. NFP is awarding an educational scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$1000.00. The scholarship will be awarded directly to a student who is furthering his or her education by attending college, a university or trade school. All applications received will be considered for this award. TEACH Outdoors Executive Board Members and the immediate families of board members are not eligible for the scholarship.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicant must complete, sign and date the 2 page Scholarship Application.
2. Applicant must submit an essay (being 1-2 pages typed). Essay topic: Explain how your experience during the COVID pandemic has positively impacted your relationship with the Great Outdoors.
3. Applicant must reside in Illinois in one of the listed counties; Bureau, Ford, Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Livingston, Marshall, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Warren, Will or Woodford County.
4. Applicant must be enrolled in or applying for enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited college, university or trade school. In the Fall of 2021, applicant must be a Freshman or Sophomore in college or trade school.
5. Applicant must have a minimum of 3.0/4.0 or 3.75/5.0 GPA and provide proof of GPA. Documentation provided must have the applicants name on it.
6. Scholarship winner must attend the TEACH Outdoors Annual Scholarship Dinner to be awarded with the scholarship. The dinner will be March 20, 2021 at TEACH Outdoors Headquarters in Morris, IL.

### **Application**

1. Application must be postmarked by January 15, 2021.
2. Application must be filled out completely, signed and dated.
3. Essay and proof of GPA must be submitted with application.

### **Selection of Scholarship Recipient**

TEACH Outdoors Board of Directors and the Scholarship Committee will review all applications. A scholarship winner will be chosen and announced no later than February 15, 2021. The scholarship will be given to the winner at the TEACH Outdoors Annual Scholarship Dinner on March 20, 2021.

It is understood and agreed that by submitting the application, a photograph of the scholarship winner will be taken with the presenter and the photograph will be used by TEACH Outdoors for advertising purposes, shared on social media and will be placed on TEACH Outdoors website. It is understood that parts of the applicant's essay may be used for advertising, shared on social media and placed on the TEACH Outdoors website.

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### **Application Checklist**

Please review this checklist before submitting your application.

1. Completed Application: Please make sure the application is complete. Do not leave any answers blank. If the answer is “no” or “not applicable” please state as such. Please print legibly or type application. Sign and date application before sending.
2. GPA: Please make sure proof of GPA is included. The proof must have applicant’s name on it.
3. Essay: Make sure to submit 1-2 page essay. Essay must be typed. See ‘eligibility’ for essay topic. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and applicant will be disqualified. External sources need to be cited.
4. Deadline is January 15, 2021. Applications can be mailed or emailed. Mailed applications must be postmarked before or on January 15, 2021. TEACH Outdoors is not responsible for lost or misdirected items sent by US Mail. If emailing, send by January 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm central time.

Mailing address:

Email Address:

TEACH Outdoors  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
222 West Benton Street  
Morris, IL 60450

[Amandaringness@teachoutdoors.org](mailto:Amandaringness@teachoutdoors.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email.

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# TEACH Outdoors Scholarship Application

## I. Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name Middle Name First Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

County: \_\_\_\_\_ (see applicable counties in eligibility section)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. School Information

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Trade School class status during the Fall 2021 semester: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore

College, University or Trade School for Fall 2021:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Proof of GPA Included: YES or NO

### **III. Statement of School and Community Leadership Activities**

A. Honors, Awards & Scholarships: Please include years awarded.

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B. Offices and Positions of Leadership: Please include the name of organization, position, and years involved.

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C. Other organizations you are a member of where no office was held: Please include years involved.

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I certify that the information provided in this scholarship application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability. I understand that misrepresentation of facts is cause for disqualification.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Attachments: Essay and Proof of GPA