

February 2016

Dear Counselors, Scholarship Coordinators and Students,

I am a member of the Atlantic Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association, MSSA, who would like to inform you and your students of a wonderful opportunity for a 2016-2017 undergraduate college scholarship.

One of the important goals of this association is to provide financial aid to undergraduate students in the fields of study such as Marine Biology, Environmental Engineering and Management, and Fisheries Management, or other curricula related to the ecology of the coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic seaboard and the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Since 1995, this association has awarded over \$225,000 in scholarships; and in 2015, checks totaling \$24,500 were sent to 16 winners. Scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Eight were high school seniors and two were from our area. Kailey Mihavetz of Stephen Decatur High School received \$2,000; and Samantha Pope of Mardela High School received \$1,500.

Apply now. Applications must be received by April 25, 2016. A few applications are enclosed. For more information and to download additional copies of the application, go to www.mssascholarships.net. Applications will be reviewed in May, and winners will be informed at that time.

Thank you for interest and support of MSSA.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Nawrocki
MSSA

**THE MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

8461C FT. SMALLWOOD ROAD

PASADENA, MD 21122

“To provide financial aid to undergraduate students who show extraordinary promise of contributing to the marine environments of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and the coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic seaboard.”

2016 MSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Biographical Information

Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Permanent Address: _____

Parents or Guardian Names and Address: _____

Telephone: _____
 Home School/Work Cell

E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Grade Level: (Check One)

H.S. Senior _____

College: Frosh _____ Soph _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Current School: _____

If H.S. Senior, First Choice of College: _____

Education History for High School and Postsecondary Levels:

Name	Location	Dates	Degree/Credits
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Employment History:

Employer	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

School Activities and Achievements:

Major Academic Activities and Achievements. List memberships, achievements, offices held, or honors in scholastic organizations.

Major Extracurricular/Community Service/Volunteer Activities and Achievements. List participation, leadership roles, offices held, honors, etc.

Major Environmental Activities and Achievements. List participation and leadership in activities directly related to environmental matters.

Have You Received an MSSA Scholarship Previously?

- No
- Yes, one year
- Yes, two years
- Yes, three years

If "YES", please attach a one-page report on the highlights of your academic year.

Additional Information Required:

Personal Essay: Write an essay describing why you are applying for this scholarship. Include your educational goals, post-baccalaureate intentions, career ambitions, and an explanation about how your education will help you to enhance the environment of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic. This essay should be between 300 and 600 words.

An official transcript of your high school and (if a college student) current college record. The transcript must include a grade point average or equivalent. This transcript may be sent directly from the school or college to the MSSA Office.

Letter of Recommendation: Applicants who are not current scholarship recipients in Academic Year 2015-2016 must include a letter of recommendation with their application. Current MSSA scholarship recipients are exempt from this requirement but must submit a one-page report on the highlights of their academic year (see above).

Signature _____ Date _____

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that a complete Form and all other required documentation is received in the MSSA Office by 5:00 P.M., on Friday, April 15, 2016. Applications received late or incomplete will not be considered.

The address for delivery is: MSSA Scholarship Foundation
8461C Fort Smallwood Road
Pasadena, MD 21122

Tel: 410-255-5535