



NatureTrack Nancy Stearns Scholarship

The NatureTrack Nancy Stearns Scholarship is for a graduating student (2024) from a North Santa Barbara County High School with a 3.0 GPA or higher, enrolling in a four-year accredited college in natural sciences. The applicant must submit an essay of 500 or fewer words related to goals within a natural science field (see definition below). In your essay explain your educational and career intentions as they relate to nature. In addition to the completed application and essay, the student must submit a full high school transcript.

Priority will be given to a student with a financial need to pursue higher education. Support awarded for each of up to four years based on acceptable performance and continuation towards a bachelor's degree in the natural science field.

Scholarship Amount: \$5,000; \$2,000 awarded year one; \$1,000 awarded year two, three, and four based on acceptable performance. Award paid directly to the student's school tuition account.

Natural Science includes any study of nature. Suggested desirable majors to support (not inclusive): biological sciences (botany, aquatic biology, wildlife, ecology, entomology, horticulture, animal science, plant science, etc.), earth sciences (geology, oceanography, geography, remote sensing, cartography), wildlife sciences, outdoor education and environmental sciences. Does not include agriculture, health or medicine.

The goal of this scholarship is to support students who will find a career in support of nature: conserving, preserving, researching or sharing nature with others. If there is another major that will prepare you for that goal, please apply and explain your educational path to that goal.

If you intend to study any other topic and intend to apply your knowledge and skills to the natural world, consider applying for this scholarship.



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Instructions Check List:

1. Fill in your information in the application.
2. Prepare your essay as described on the "Essay Page."
3. Include a copy of your high school transcript
4. Send all documents for your application to tc9.6nl@gmail.com by Friday, March 15th, 2024.



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APPLICATION

- APPLICANT INFORMATION -

Name _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

- GUARDIAN INFORMATION -

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Number of dependents in family _____

Age of each dependent _____

- COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PLANS -

I am planning _____ years of advanced study.

I have been accepted and will attend, OR I have applied to and am waiting to hear from the following schools: Please indicate after EACH school if accepted and attending or waiting to hear.

College /University: _____

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College /University: _____

Intended Major: _____

Occupational Goal: _____

ESSAY

Compose an essay of 500 words or less on a separate page. In this essay, please share with us how receiving this scholarship would significantly impact your educational journey and why financial assistance is crucial for you as you begin your college education.

The essay should include a brief autobiography and a description of your goals for a career in the natural science field. Provide details about any natural science classes you had in high school and highlight any extracurricular high school or community activities that demonstrate your interest in nature. Include any interesting, unusual, or goal-shaping experiences in nature that you have experienced. The essay should give insight into you as a person; provide information about your educational /career goals, and extracurricular activities.

Share your process for choosing potential colleges and describe how they will prepare you for a successful career in nature.

Use a separate page.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Estimated Expenses 2024/2025		Student's Estimated Income 2024/2025
Tuition/Fees	_____	Savings	_____
Transportation	_____	Part-Time earnings	_____
Books/Supplies	_____	Scholarships/Grants	_____
Room & Board	_____	Family Contribution	_____
TOTAL	_____	TOTAL	_____

What is your financial plan for meeting your expenses, to fill the gap between your estimated expenses and your estimated income (above)? Provide a brief answer here or on a separate page.

By signing below, we certify that no other resources beyond what is listed above are available.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE **Emailed** BY Friday, March 15th, 2024.

Please submit to tc9.6nl@gmail.com

Applicant Signature _____