



NatureTrack Nancy Stearns Scholarship Announcement

We are proud to announce The NatureTrack Nancy Stearns Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating student (Class of 2025) from a North Santa Barbara County high school with a 3.0 GPA or higher, who is enrolling in a four-year accredited college to pursue a degree in the natural sciences.

Application Requirements:

- A completed NatureTrack Nancy Stearns Scholarship Application
- A 500-word (or fewer) essay explaining your educational and career goals in the natural science fields (definition below).
- A complete high school transcript.

Eligibility Criteria: This scholarship prioritizes students with demonstrated financial need who are committed to careers supporting nature through conservation, preservation, research, or education. *Note:* Applications from students intending to pursue careers in agriculture, health, or medical fields will **not** be considered.

Scholarship Details:

- **Amount:** \$5,000 Total
 - **Year 1:** \$2,000
 - **Years 2, 3, and 4:** \$1,000 per year (based on acceptable performance and continued progress toward a bachelor's degree in the natural sciences)
- Funds will be applied directly to the student's school tuition account.

Natural Science Fields: Natural science includes any field dedicated to studying and understanding nature. Suggested majors include (but are not limited to):

- **Biological Sciences:** Botany, aquatic biology, marine science, wildlife, ecology, entomology, horticulture, zoology, animal science, plant science, etc.
- **Earth Sciences:** Geology, oceanography, geography, remote sensing, cartography.
- **Wildlife and Environmental Sciences:** Wildlife sciences, outdoor education, environmental science.

Scholarship Goal: This scholarship supports students whose career paths are dedicated to advancing our understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of nature. If your intended major aligns with this mission, we encourage you to apply, even if it falls outside the suggested fields above—just explain in your essay how your chosen path supports these goals.

If you aim to use your studies and skills to contribute 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 digitally to tc9.6nl@gmail.com by Friday, March 7th, 2025.



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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 _____