



The Downriver Scholarship
One award worth \$1,000

*Submit by **April 1, 2024**, to jennifer.edwards@wcsb.us*

The Downriver Scholarship will support a Wakulla High School student who plans to (1) major in a field related to science or government or (2) enter a vocational program related to aquaculture. Preference will be given to applicants who intend to use their studies to serve the people and ecosystems of North Florida.

The [Downriver Project](#) is a local nonprofit focused on the protection of Wakulla's waterways and fishing culture. The organization was established by [Gil Damon](#) and [Landon Glover](#), both of whom graduated from Wakulla High in 2014.

Please check the following boxes as appropriate. If all apply to you, you are eligible for this scholarship.

- I will have a high school diploma or GED by June 30, 2024.
- I currently have an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher *OR* a weighted high school GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- I will be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours) at an accredited institution of higher learning during the fall 2024 semester *OR* will be enrolled full-time in a vocational program during the fall 2024 semester.
- I plan to major in a scientific or governmental field or pursue a maritime or aquaculture vocational program. Qualifying college majors include but are not limited to: ecology, environmental science, environmental studies, biology, oceanography, marine sciences, political science, and international relations. If you plan to undertake another course of study that explores the relationship between people and natural resources, please explain in your essay.

Application Process:

1. Complete the application page below, including an essay, by **April 1, 2024**
2. If invited, complete a short Zoom interview before **April 10, 2024**
3. Scholarship announced at the annual Wakulla High School awards ceremony

APPLICATION PAGE

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Weighted & unweighted GPA: _____, _____

*A copy of your transcript must be attached to this application.

Planned course of study:

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Vocational program: _____

Institution: _____

By signing below, I certify that all writing submitted is my own and was not aided by others or the use of AI. I further attest that the information provided is true and accurate.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Required Documents:

1. Essay (250-500 words): Please explain (1) what motivates your interest in environmental protection, (2) how you have demonstrated this in your studies and community, and (3) how your education and career will support environmental stewardship. If applicable, please also explain how you will use your education to protect the waterways of North Florida.
2. Please attach a copy of your current high school transcript (official or unofficial).
3. Please provide a short list of your work and extracurricular activities (e.g., sports teams, clubs, scouting), including any leadership roles.