

Progressive Fishing Association, Inc.

From: The Members, Officers and Trustees of the Progressive Fishing Association

To: Principals, Counselors, Students and Parents

Reference: PFA Scholarship of up to \$1,500.00

Date: January 2025

The PFA Scholarship was established to assist young men and women who choose educational opportunities that would normally not qualify for financial aid. In order to qualify for this scholarship, the applicant must be seeking education that offers training in programs designed to provide direct hands-on work in the out-of-doors, parks and recreation, ranger services, forestry, conservation or similar programs.

Students who apply for our scholarship should have an overall GPA of 2.0 (C) to 3.4. Our goal is to reach students who because of the field of study they desire, would not normally qualify for traditional financial assistance. Each applicant must complete the Progressive Fishing Association Scholarship Application including a general essay of 300 words or less. Within the essay, the applicant must outline his or her outdoor career goals.

Also new this year we will be screening candidates prior to awards granted. Candidates will meet one on one with committee members.

Experience has taught us that the eligibility for this scholarship has been widely misinterpreted. We are not interested in the study of landscaping, architecture, general environmental engineering, or other related areas. Although these are worthy pursuits, the PFA would prefer to award our scholarship to programs which put hands-on learning in the forefront. We are however interested in Agronomy, Soil Science, Botany, Zoology, Department of Natural Resources, Watercraft, and the like. Within these areas of study there could be subcategories that could fall into our program criteria.

We understand the many hands-on learning courses of study are being eliminated from academic curriculum due to lack of student enrollment. Therefore, the PFA encourages students who believe their area of study may meet our requirements apply and allow the process to determine the outcome.

Application materials should be returned to:
Progressive Fishing Association at P.O. Box 2434, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571
or via e-mail to rudy4hoesch@gmail.com on or before May 1, 2025.

Thank you and best of luck in the future!

Rudy Schaefer Chairman-Scholarship Committee
Committee Member Mike Gerber and Steve Askins

Progressive Fishing Association Scholarship Application

Please complete this application and return it to the Progressive Fishing Association along with your essay no later than May 1, 2025.

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Home Address _____

Email _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Educational Institution you are planning to attend after High School
Graduation _____

Intended Major _____

Accumulative GPA _____ Verification of your GPA by your counselor's

Signature _____

Be sure to attach your essay and submit It along with this application.

Contact Rudy Schaefer 419-973-9229 or Mike Gerber 419-360-4593 should you have questions.