



## **The Katie Herzog/Apalachicola Riverkeeper Scholarship**

### **About Katie Herzog**

Katie Herzog grew up in Racine, Wisconsin and met her husband, Tom Herzog, at Case High School where they both worked for over 30 years. As a high school guidance counselor, Katie's care and compassion helped countless students.

After moving to Carrabelle, Katie continued the activities that she loved, including running, gardening, supporting the arts, and traveling. She was always the epitome of health and strength, even hiking Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro with Tom in 2019. She is remembered for her poise, thoughtfulness, humor, and the overwhelming joy she imparted to others. She passed away suddenly in early 2020 of encephalitis.

Maya Angelou wrote, "Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told: 'I'm with you kid. Let's go.'"

Katie Herzog did just that.

She can be described in multiple action words. A dynamo. A do-er. Joyous, humorous. Generous. Her enthusiasm infectious. A runner, paddler, hiker—the list goes on.

Both Katie and Tom were incredibly active with Apalachicola Riverkeeper since 2005, volunteering countless hours for the non-profit group. Katie worked on the Apalachicola River blueway map project and the national recreation trail initiative along with office bookkeeping, special events and much more. At many Riverkeeper fundraising events, guests were greeted by Katie's bright, beaming smile. She was the epitome of putting care into action in protecting our region's precious natural resources, especially the Apalachicola River and Bay.

### **About Apalachicola Riverkeeper**

Since 1998, the non-profit Apalachicola Riverkeeper has provided stewardship and advocacy for the protection of the Apalachicola River and Bay, advocating at the grassroots level, with state legislators and regulators, in the courts, and with federal agencies and lawmakers. This includes working to preserve livelihoods that depend upon a healthy River and Bay— catfishermen, fishing guides, outfitters, beekeepers, honey merchants, oyster harvesters and seafood workers. Learn more at [www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org](http://www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org).

## Criteria

The Katie Herzog/Apalachicola Riverkeeper Scholarship is a one-time annual award of at least \$2,000 for a student (or students) graduating from Franklin County Schools who plans on attending a two- or four-year college or university. Awards are to be granted without regard to race, ethnicity, creed, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or physical ability. The application period runs annually from February 1 thru April 1. A recipient is selected by May 1<sup>st</sup>. An interested student must provide the following:

- 1-2 page essay (500 words max. typed) describing the personal characteristics and commitments the applicant believes she/he has that makes them likely to have a positive impact in their own life and work, including what makes the Apalachicola River and Bay important. This essay can include a description of one's academic success, leadership, community service, interests, and life experience that can include overcoming a family, academic or emotional hardship.
- One to three recommendations from a high school educator that attests to the personal character of the applicant.
- Commit to a short orientation (1-3 hours in office or on boat) with Apalachicola Riverkeeper if selected as a recipient.
- Special consideration is given to a student who is the first one in their family to attend college and/or who is interested in a natural resources related field.

Mail or email applications by April 1 to: [riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org](mailto:riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org)

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