

2026 Scholarship Information
South Whidbey High School
Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Scholarship for
Environmental Studies

Totaling \$6,000, three scholarships are offered at \$2,000 each

Requirements:

- Must be a Whidbey Island resident.
- Must be a graduate of a Whidbey Island high school, spring 2026 and must plan to attend an accredited four-year college/university in Fall, 2026.
- Must plan to major in an environment-related field such as environmental studies, resource management, sustainable development, restoration, natural resources education, marine biology, etc.
- Must have participated in an environment-related activity on Whidbey Island or elsewhere.

Application should contain:

- Applicant information: name, address, phone number, email address.
- High School transcript with current GPA (latest available).
- An essay of 250-500 words, word processed, double-spaced: “Why I plan to major in the environment-related field of _____.”
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members with knowledge of your academic performance, volunteer activities or work experiences, which demonstrate your interest in or direct experience with environmental issues.

Application availability:

- Available through the high school's counselor's office.
- Available on Whidbey Audubon Society's website, (www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org).

Application deadline: April 3, 2026. Completed scholarship applications will be picked up at the high school counselors' office on April 13, 2026 by Whidbey Audubon members.

Additional information:

- Former scholarship recipients are found on Whidbey Audubon Society's website. Go to www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org, select “Scholarships” and open “Scholarship Recipients”.

Whidbey Audubon's Scholarship Committee will review applications, schedule interviews and make all final decisions. Scholarship certificates will be presented on Senior Awards Night in June. All scholarships will be paid directly to the student's college or university.

2026 Application for the Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Scholarship for Environmental Studies

Please Return by April 3, 2026 to your high school's counselor's office:

- This completed application;
- Your High School transcript (latest available);
- 250-500 word essay, "Why I am majoring in the environment-related field of _____."
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members with knowledge of your academic performance, volunteer activities or work experiences, which demonstrate your interest in or direct experience with environmental issues.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

The NAME OF FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY(S) TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED OR BEEN ACCEPTED:

I certify that all statements contained in this Application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Finalists will be interviewed to share an environmental activity on Whidbey or elsewhere.

Proof of full-time class enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university shall be required before grant monies are dispersed. All scholarships will be paid directly to the student's college or university.

Scholarships will be awarded on Senior Awards Night, 2026 at your high school.