Blackbrook Audubon Society Education Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student with permanent residency in Ashtabula, Geauga, or Lake counties of Ohio. The award is $1,000 towards tuition and fees. The student must be a graduating high school senior or current college student who wishes to pursue a degree in Environmental studies, Ornithology, Forestry, Wildlife Biology, Sustainable Agriculture, or related fields. Such studies should align with Blackbrook' mission statement "To promote conservation and restoration of ecosystems with emphasis on birds and habitats through education and advocacy within Ohio's Ashtabula, Lake and Geauga counties."

Selection will be based on the quality of application responses, academic history, letters of recommendation, and evidence of interest in the chosen field through community involvement and activities. (Examples could include Science Olympiad, Young Birders club, camps, scout projects with focus on wildlife or forest restoration, or other related activities.)

The award amount of $1,000 (one thousand dollars) will be granted for tuition and fees only. A check will be issued to the recipient's school directly, in July /August for use in the fall semester of the same calendar year. This check will be provided upon receiving a copy of the recipient's class registration for fall semester. The student is responsible for providing all account information and student ID number to our treasurer, for purposes of funds disbursement.

**Eligibility requirements:** applicants seeking an associate or bachelor's degree must also:

- Be a permanent resident of Ashtabula, Geauga or Lake County.
- Submit documentation of college acceptance/enrollment
- Have a transcript showing a minimum 3.00 GPA
- Provide record of community environmental activities
- Provide a statement of intent to complete the chosen degree program in an above-mentioned field of study

**Application requirements**

- Complete the scholarship application and provide all required supporting documentation by May 1
- Official high school and/or college transcript
- List of activities and/or organization involvement
- Two letters of recommendations from instructors, community leaders or employer to be mailed directly to: Blackbrook Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1306, Mentor, Ohio 44061-1306

The scholarship committee will contact the recipient via letter no later than June 30. The recipient will be acknowledged at the September program of the Blackbrook Audubon Society.

The Blackbrook Audubon Society Education Scholarship recipient shall be selected solely on the basis of merit without any consideration of race, ethnicity, sexual preference or religious affiliation.

# Blackbrook Audubon Society Education Scholarship Application

## Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you a permanent resident of Ashtabula, Lake, or Geauga County? Yes No

Have you attached documentation of college acceptance/enrollment? Yes No

Do you intend to complete a 2-year or 4-year degree in a field of conservation as mentioned in the scholarship description? Yes No

If yes, what is your current Major? _____

**Education**

High School: _____

Attached copy of transcript: Yes No

School Address _____

Attended From: _____ To: _____ GPA: _____ Graduated: Yes No

College: _____

Attached copy of transcript: Yes No

School Address: _____

Student ID# _____ Attended From: _____ To: _____

Current GPA: _____ Area of study: _____

**References**

List your two professional recommendations. These persons should mail their letter to Blackbrook Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1306, Mentor, Ohio 44061-1306 to arrive by May 1

Full Name:_____Relationship:_____

Organization: _____Phone:_____

Address: _____

Full Name:_____Relationship:_____

Organization: _____Phone:_____

Address:_____

**Personal Experience** (attach additional pages if necessary)

Describe your level of participation in environmental or conservation activities or other community involvement, past or present:

Describe your career goals relating to environmental conservation.

Describe what this scholarship would mean to you.

**Disclaimer and Signature**

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

*I understand that if I am selected for this scholarship, funds will be released directly to the school that I will be attending the fall semester of this year, and only upon proof of enrollment. I am responsible for providing all information needed to make the transfer of funds to my school account.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail application and all supporting documents by May 1 to:

Blackbrook Audubon Society

P.O. Box 1306

Mentor, OH 44061-1306