



## **The Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies**

The purpose of this award program is to encourage students from the greater Charlotte Harbor watershed region (Charlotte, DeSoto, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, and Hardee Counties)\* to pursue a degree in a field of study related to the environment. College students with professional goals to pursue conservation biology, wildlife conservation, zoology, or environmental education are invited to apply for the Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies. Up to two highly qualified college students will be awarded \$1,000 each. Funds may be used for the educational institution's tuition, books, supplies and equipment, or technical materials.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies, applicants must meet all of the following criteria.

1. Resident of Charlotte, DeSoto, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, or Hardee County, FL;
2. Pursuing a degree pertaining to environmental studies;
3. Junior or Senior status in an accredited 4-year institution;
4. Currently enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more);
5. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (of 4.0); *and*
6. Have not previously received this scholarship.

Complete applications must be received by March 31, 2017. Please email all materials (preferably as a single PDF) to: [scholarship1@PeaceRiverAudubon.org](mailto:scholarship1@PeaceRiverAudubon.org). Address questions to the same email address.

For more information about the Peace River Audubon Society visit [www.PeaceRiverAudubon.org](http://www.PeaceRiverAudubon.org)

\*Preference will be given to students from the Peace River Audubon Society focal counties (Charlotte, DeSoto) but due to the limited number of eligible students from these counties students from surrounding counties (Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, Hardee) are encouraged to apply.

**2017 Application Form**  
**The Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of college/university attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of credit hours completed (semester, trimester): \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Materials:**

For an application to be considered complete, all of the following must be included.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Please check all of the following that have been included:

- 1. A completed application form;
- 2. A one to two page essay describing personal and scientific goals, accomplishments and proposed scientific project/course of study. Identify the school(s) you are attending. Please provide as much detail as you feel is necessary;
- 3. Two letters of reference concerning scientific ability and character preferably from a recent instructor, internship, job, etc.;
- 4. School transcripts of all college level courses completed and in progress and which shows full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours) for the current academic term (an unofficial copy may be submitted with the application but award recipients must submit an official copy).
- 5. Documentation to prove residency in Charlotte, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, or Hardee County, FL (such as a driver's license, canceled check, etc.).

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