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March 31 DDWS scholarships application deadline

Application deadline for several scholarships amounting to more than \$20,000 from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each, is March 31, 2021. High school seniors, college students, and graduate students in or from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties pursuing degrees in environmental-related studies may apply.

DDWS will award the scholarships at a special ceremony at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island in June 2021, if prevailing pandemic guidelines permit.

Now in its 15th year, the DDWS scholarship program presented its first awards in 2006, donated by Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession. To date, the program has awarded \$147,100.

Interested students can find more information and printable application forms at dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/student-scholarships.

To learn more about the scholarship program and establishing a permanently endowed scholarship, contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Named scholarships to date for 2021 include:

- Richard Bailey Memorial Scholarships
- Mike and Terry Baldwin Scholarship
- Dr. Andrew and Laura Dahlem Scholarship
- Dr. H. Randall Deming Scholarship for Conservation and Environmental Studies, a permanently endowed scholarship
- "Ding" Darling Conservation Scholarship

- Hans & Leslie Fleischner Scholarship
- Mary Elaine Jacobson Memorial Scholarship
- Win & Marilyn Kloosterman Education Scholarship, a permanently endowed scholarship
- Francine and Barry Litofsky Scholarship
- Tarpon Bay Explorers Scholarships
- Jane Werner Environmental Scholarship, DDWS' first permanently endowed scholarship

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop profits.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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