

The Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund

Supported by the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

Application Form

2015

PART I

Cliff Bennett
NATURE
BURSARY
FUND

This form can be downloaded from the MVFN website at mvfn.ca, but the completed form cannot be submitted online. Please forward a hard copy of your application package to:

Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists (MVFN)
Nature Bursary Selection Committee
P.O. Box 1617
Almonte ON K0A 1A0

BURSARY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: *To be eligible for the Bursary, applicants must:*

- Verify they are currently registered in and attending their final year of a secondary or alternative school/program.
- Verify residence in Lanark County or West Carleton Ward.
- Have been accepted to a Canadian post-secondary institution (college, university or technical institute) in the 2015-2016 academic year, in a program related to the natural environment.
- Submit their completed Bursary application package by receipt Friday, May 1, 2015.

BURSARY SELECTION CRITERIA: *The Selection Committee will consider the following factors:*

- Academic achievement.
- Evidence of the applicant's appreciation of and involvement in issues relating to the natural environment.
- Statement of the applicant's plans and explanation of how his/her post-secondary studies relate to, and will contribute to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment.
- Financial need.
- Preference may be given to students with verifiable learning difficulties, i.e., learning barriers defined, but not limited to, mental and social barriers to academic learning.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE: *Failure to submit these items exactly as described below, or if any item is omitted, may disqualify the application from consideration.*

1. **COVER LETTER** introducing the applicant and:
 - Outlining their plans for post-secondary education.
 - Outlining why they believe they deserve the bursary and explaining how they meet the Bursary's selection criteria (outlined above).
 - Explaining their future plans/hopes once post-education education is complete.
2. **RESUMÉ** summarizing the applicant's:
 - Experience with and/or involvement in issues and activities related to the natural environment and/or conservation
 - Participation in extracurricular activities.
 - Community involvement.
 - Other relevant awards or honours.
3. **TWO (2) LETTERS OF REFERENCE:** one from a teacher or principal, and one from a project or community leader.
4. **PROOF OF REGISTRATION** in a secondary or alternative school / program (e.g., a letter from the school or program head).
5. **TRANSCRIPT OF MARKS** (graduating year).
6. **PROOF OF APPLICATION** in the form of an application receipt or an acknowledgement letter, to a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution (college, university or technical institute).

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Name of applicant

Address

Town/Village

Postal Code

Telephone ()

Email

SECONDARY OR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL / PROGRAM CURRENTLY ATTENDING

Grade Course of study

School address

Telephone ()

Fax ()

Web Site

ACCEPTED TO POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL (NAME OF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE)

Course of study

School address Postal Code

Telephone ()

Fax ()

Web Site

CONTACT INFORMATION FROM LETTERS OF REFERENCE:

Name of referee (1)

Address

Postal Code

Telephone ()

Email

Name of referee (2)

Address

Postal Code

Telephone ()

Email

Applicant's Signature:

DUE DATE AND DELIVERY: Please mail the completed application package to:

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* Packages received at the Almonte Post Office or alternate location** after Friday, May 1, 2015, will not be accepted.

** For information and alternate delivery arrangements, please call the Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund Committee Chair, Michael Macpherson, at 613.256.3043, or send an email to naturebursary@gmail.com.

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