

# The Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund

Supported by the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

# Application Form

# 2021

## PART 1 of 2

Cliff Bennett  
NATURE  
BURSARY  
FUND

This form can be downloaded from the MVFN at [mvfn.ca/cliff-bennett-nature-bursary](http://mvfn.ca/cliff-bennett-nature-bursary). Please submit your complete application package, preferably as one pdf document, to: Patricia Larkin, Chair, Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Awards Committee, Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists. at [naturebursary@gmail.com](mailto:naturebursary@gmail.com)

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

- In a program related to the natural environment, verify attendance at a Canadian post-secondary institution (college, university or technical institute) in the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Verify residence in Lanark County or West Carleton Ward, or attendance at a school located in these regions, or confirm MVFN membership.
- Submit a complete Bursary application package by May 1, 2021.

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

- Evidence of the applicant's appreciation of the natural environment and experience in this field.
- Statement of the applicant's plans and an explanation of how post-secondary studies relate to, and will contribute to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment.
- Academic achievement.
- Financial need.
- Special needs.
- Current or prior involvement with the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists is considered an asset.

### **THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:**

#### **A. 2-page 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.

#### **B. 2-page 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.

**C. TWO (2) LETTERS OF REFERENCE:** one from a teacher or principal, and one from a project or community leader.

**D. TRANSCRIPT OF MARKS** (graduating or current year).

**E. OFFER OF ADMISSION OR PROOF OF REGISTRATION** in a program related to the natural environment at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution (college, university or technical institute).

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Name of Applicant

Address

Town/Village

Postal Code

Home Tel (    )

Cell (    )

Email

## CURRENT OR PREVIOUS SCHOOL | PROGRAM ATTENDED

School

Address

Postal Code

Tel (    )

Email

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

Course of Study | School

School Address

Postal Code

Tel (    )

## CONTACT INFORMATION FROM LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Name of Referee (1)

Address

Postal Code

Tel (    )

Cell (    )

Email

Name of referee (2)

Address

Postal Code

Tel (    )

Cell (    )

Email

## APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

**DUE DATE AND DELIVERY** | Please submit complete application, preferably as a single pdf document, to:

[naturebursary@gmail.com](mailto:naturebursary@gmail.com) Packages received after May 1, 2021 will not be accepted.

For information and alternate delivery arrangements, please write Patricia Larkin, Chair, Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary

Awards Committee, at [naturebursary@gmail.com](mailto:naturebursary@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE** | Failure to submit completed items exactly as described, or if any item is omitted, may disqualify the application from consideration. Your information will not be shared outside the Bursary Selection Committee.