



PART 1 OF 2 2026 STUDENT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary

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

- Enter a program related to the natural environment at a Canadian post-secondary institution (college, university, or technical institute) in the 2026-2027 academic year
- Currently live in Lanark County or West Carleton Ward or attend a school located in these regions, or confirm MVFN membership
- Submit a complete Bursary application package by May 1, 2026

BURSARY SELECTION CRITERIA The Committee will consider the following factors:

- Evidence of your appreciation of the natural environment and experience in this field
- Statement of your 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, and special needs
- Current or prior involvement with the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists is considered an asset, but not a requirement

THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

A PART 2 of this application form

B TWO-PAGE COVER LETTER that outlines:

- Your plans for post-secondary education and your plans/hopes once this is completed
- Why you believe you deserve the bursary, explaining how you meet the Bursary's selection criteria (outlined above)

C TWO-PAGE RESUMÉ that summarizes:

- Experience with and/or involvement in issues and activities related to the natural environment and/or conservation
- Participation in extracurricular activities and Community involvement
- Other relevant awards or honours

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

E TRANSCRIPT OF MARKS: Graduating or current year

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

Please submit your application package in PDF format only to:
Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Committee at naturebursary@gmail.com