

Oak Harbor High School
Whidbey Audubon Society
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2024 Scholarship Application Information

**Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Scholarship
for Environmental Studies**

*Totaling \$5,750, 3 scholarships are offered to Whidbey high school graduates:
two \$2,000 awards; one \$1,750 award*

Requirements:

- Must be a Whidbey Island resident.
- Must be a graduate of a Whidbey Island high school, spring 2024; and must plan to attend an accredited four-year college/university in fall, 2024.
- Must plan to major in an environment-related field such as environmental studies, resource management, sustainable development, restoration, natural resources education, marine biology, etc.
- Must have participated in an environment-related activity on Whidbey Island or elsewhere while in high school.

Application should contain:

- Applicant information: name, address, phone number, email.
- High school transcript with current GPA (latest available).
- An essay of 250-500 words, word processed, double-spaced: “Why I plan to major in the environment-related field of_____.”
- A letter of recommendation from one high school teacher.
- A letter of recommendation from one community member with knowledge of your participation in volunteer activity or work experience in environmental projects on Whidbey Island or elsewhere while in high school.

Application availability:

- Available through the high school counselors’ office.
- Available on Whidbey Audubon Society’s website, (www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org).

Application deadline: March 11, 2024. Completed scholarship applications will be picked up at the high school counselors’ office by Whidbey Audubon members.

Additional information:

- Information about former scholarship recipients is available on Whidbey Audubon Society’s website. Go to www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org, select “Scholarships”, and open “Scholarship Recipients”.

Whidbey Audubon's Scholarship Committee will review applications, schedule interviews and make all final decisions. Scholarship certificates will be presented on Senior Awards Night, June 13. All scholarships will be paid directly to the student’s college or university.

Application for the 2024 Whidbey Audubon Society Rene Smith Scholarship for Environmental Studies

Please Return by March 11, 2024, to your high school counselor's office:

- This completed application;
- Your high school transcript (latest available);
- 250-500 word essay, "Why I am majoring in the environment-related field of _____."
- *A letter of recommendation from one high school teacher;*
- *A letter of recommendation from one community member with knowledge of your participation in volunteer activity or work experience in environmental projects on Whidbey Island or elsewhere.*

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

NAME OF FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY(S) TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED OR BEEN ACCEPTED:

I certify that all statements contained in this Application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Finalists will be scheduled for interviews and should be prepared to discuss their environment-related activity on Whidbey Island or elsewhere.

Proof of full-time class enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university shall be required before grant monies are dispersed. All scholarships will be paid directly to the student's college or university.

Scholarships will be awarded on Senior Awards Night, June 13, 2024, at your high school.