



## The Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies

The purpose of this award program is to encourage students from the greater Charlotte Harbor watershed region (Charlotte, DeSoto, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, and Hardee Counties)\* to pursue a degree in a field of study related to the environment. College students with professional goals to pursue conservation biology, wildlife conservation, zoology, or environmental education are invited to apply for the Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies. Up to two highly qualified college students will be awarded \$1,000 each. Funds may be used for the educational institution's tuition, books, supplies and equipment, or technical materials.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies, applicants must meet all of the following criteria.

1. Have graduated from a high school in Charlotte, DeSoto, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, or Hardee County, FL;
2. Currently pursuing a college degree pertaining to environmental studies at an accredited 4-year institution;
3. Junior or Senior status;
4. Currently enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more);
5. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (of 4.0); *and*
6. Have not previously received this scholarship.

Complete applications must be received by **11:59 PM, 2025**. Please email all materials combined into a single PDF to: [scholarship1@PeaceRiverAudubon.org](mailto:scholarship1@PeaceRiverAudubon.org) except reference letters which may be sent under separate cover directly by reference.

Address questions to above email address or visit [www.PeaceRiverAudubon.org](http://www.PeaceRiverAudubon.org) for more information.

\*Preference will be given to students from the Peace River Audubon Society focal counties (Charlotte, DeSoto) but due to the limited number of eligible students from these counties, students from surrounding counties (Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, Hardee) are encouraged to apply.

## Application Form - The Peace River Audubon Society Scholarship for Environmental Studies

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: Name: \_\_\_\_\_; County \_\_\_\_\_

University attending: Name: \_\_\_\_\_; City: \_\_\_\_\_; State: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_; 2<sup>nd</sup> Major \_\_\_\_\_; Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_; Check one:  semester  trimester

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ out of:  4.0  5.0 Number of current credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that upon award and prior to receiving award funding I will email a headshot photo and permit the Peace River Audubon Society (PRAS) to place my name, picture, and brief description of relevant accomplishments on its website. Further, PRAS may use such information in its promotional or donation solicitation materials. I understand that this award may be subject to local, state, or federal taxes and acknowledge responsibility for determining my individual tax liability. If you agree, please sign and date:

Print name \_\_\_\_\_; Signature \_\_\_\_\_; Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1. Graduated high school in Charlotte, DeSoto, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, or Hardee County, FL;
- 2. Currently a junior or senior pursuing a college degree pertaining to environmental studies at an accredited 4-year institution;
- 3. Currently enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more);
- 4. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (of 4.0); *and*
- 5. Have not previously received this scholarship.

### **Application Materials:**

For an application to be considered complete, all of the following must be included. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. Please check all of the following that have been included:

- 1. A completed application form;
- 2. Your resume or curriculum vitae;
- 3. A one to two page essay describing personal and scientific goals, accomplishments and proposed scientific project/course of study. Please provide as much detail as you feel is necessary
- 4. School transcripts of all college level courses completed and in progress and which show full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours) for the current academic term. An unofficial copy may be submitted with the application but award recipients must submit an official copy;
- 5. High school transcript or acknowledgment on university transcript showing high school graduation from Charlotte, DeSoto, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, or Hardee County, FL;
- 6. Two letters of reference concerning scientific ability and character preferably from a recent instructor, internship, job, etc. (May be sent under separate cover directly by reference);

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