

Guide for Nature and Me Writing Scholarship

Sponsored by Springfield Plateau Chapter of Missouri Master Naturalists

Eligibility

Seniors who have declared their intent to pursue higher education or training in any field upon graduation are eligible.

Materials needed to apply

- Read this guide sheet
- Ask for scoring guide used as one tool to evaluate entries – contact jailor65721@gmail.com
- Complete the application form

Entry requirements

- One submission per student.
- Writing may be in the form of poetry, essay, short story, journalism (news or editorial). Illustrated entries are accepted, but the writing is what earns points.
- Narrative entries must be 3-5 pages. Poetry length depends on type, which student must identify. If poetry, student must provide rules/standards for type of poetry.
- Student selects topic, which must focus on natural world. Possible, but not limited to, approaches are (1) communicate student's interaction with or feelings about nature; (2) explore a problem/solution affecting the natural world; (3) persuade others how and why to support and celebrate the richness of nature; (4) describe a beautiful, inspiring or powerful aspect of nature; (5) other approaches that illustrate student's connection with nature.
- All entries must be typed in 12 point font, double-spaced and stapled.

Complete application form, staple entry/standards to it and mail to contact below, postmarked by March 16, or deliver in person by 4:30 p.m., March 23 to Willard High School.

Sponsor (doesn't have to be member of LAD) sends documents by deadline to:

Kelly Westerfield
Master Naturalist Scholarship
Willard High School
515 E Jackson
Willard, MO 65781

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