



TRI-RIVERS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

William J. Paris Conservation Scholarship Application for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Deadline March 15, annually at noon!

William (Bill) Paris was a lifelong resident, farmer and sportsman of Louisa County who had a deep appreciation for the area's natural resources. Following Bill's death in 2009, his family chose to recognize Bill's life and his commitment to conservation by establishing the William J. Paris Conservation Scholarship. The objective of the scholarship is to provide financial support to Louisa County students who share Bill's commitment and appreciation of natural resources/conservation.

General Information and Instructions

- This is a \$1,000 scholarship. Payment will be made out to the recipient and the academic institution in November, after receiving a copy of the recipient's class schedule.
- The Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation Board of Directors reviews applications and selects the recipient.
- The selected candidate must be a graduate of a Louisa County high school or a Louisa County resident planning to attend an Iowa college, university or technical school.
- Study emphasis must lead to a degree in a natural resources/conservation; or in another field, such as education. Candidates with a study emphasis outside of natural resources/conservation must provide either professional or personal justifications for why the candidate's emphasis of study will meet the scholarship objectives noted above. Eligibility is open to any year of study (freshmen through postgraduate).
- The scholarship may be granted multiple years to the same candidate.
- Please complete and submit this application via email by March 15 at noon.
- Send to tri-rivers@louisacountyia.gov.
- For more information contact Cindy Klebe at cindyrtklebe@msn.com or 563-506-5901.
- For ease of application submittal and to be considered for a scholarship, you must follow these instructions:
 1. Include these two pages of General information and Instructions with your application. Just add additional pages to this application and return it to Tri-rivers@louisacountyia.gov
 2. Then provide the following information starting on page 3:
 - Applicant's Name, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, and Email address.
 - Education Information: where you plan to study in the Fall, what degree you will pursue, high school name and graduation date, and any degrees you received with the name of the school and dates degrees were received.

3. On your page 4+, answer each of these essay questions. Format them double spaced, no smaller than 12-point font, 1-inch margins, 500 words maximum for each essay. As you answer the following questions please tell us how you will meet the Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation's objectives in your area of academic endeavor.
 - Essay 1: What is the most important environmental issue Iowa faces today?
 - Essay 2: How do you hope to be involved in natural resources/conservation as a result of your studies?
 - Essay 3: Describe the natural environment around the area where you grew up and how it has changed?
4. After answering the essay questions, list three individuals whom we may contact for references. No relatives please. Include their Name, Relationship to you, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, Phone Number, and Email Address.
5. Be sure to include your Name, Date, and Page Number at the top of each page of your scholarship application.
6. Finally, is there anything else we should know about you? Please keep these comments to one page or less.