



Scholarship Opportunity from Michigan Lakes and Streams Association

Apply now for MLSA's 2020 Megan E. Cook Memorial Scholarship in Environmental Studies

2020 Award: One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a current student majoring in the environmental studies field (with preference to lake and watershed studies). The goal of this scholarship is to enable a talented and motivated student to advance their scholarship in environmental studies and to participate in activities that would be otherwise limited. This includes attendance at the 59th annual MLSA conference on May 1-2, 2020 at the Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan to learn about lake issues and research.

Application Deadline: By 5 pm, March 30, 2020

Applicant Eligibility: Qualified applicants must be active and continuing undergraduate students that have a valid major in Environmental Studies or a related field. Applicant must have an interest in lake and/or watershed research and be motivated to pursue projects that may lead to understanding or improving lake health. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must demonstrate some degree of financial need.

Applicant Instructions: Completed applications should be submitted by google form or if necessary by mail at the following address:

Michigan Lakes and Streams Association
PO Box 19615
Kalamazoo, MI 49019

Award Procedure and Administration of Funds: The scholarship recipient will be determined by a selection committee designated by the MLSA Board of Directors. In mid- April, the winner of the scholarship will be notified via a formal letter from MLSA. The recipient of the scholarship may use the award funds for educational-related expenses such as tuition, textbooks, computer software, research, or other pertinent expenses. This will be awarded in person at the 59th annual MLSA conference on May 1-2, 2020. Additionally, please be aware of your college policies that may require notification of this award to the office of financial aid if an award is received. If there are any concerns about this, please consult with your college financial aid officer prior to application of the scholarship. You will be required to send a summary report of what you have used the award for and how it could benefit Michigan's lakes and streams.

About Megan E. Cook

A bright 17-year old high school senior who was loved by all she met. She brought a vibrancy of life to everyone she was around. From kindergarten through 12th grade her favorite subjects were science and health. As the youngest in a homeschooled family, she absorbed knowledge from listening to the older children's lessons. Long before her "formal" school years she began learning about the world around her. Throughout the years she would give her family detailed descriptions of what she learned that day in her science and health classes. She also enjoyed reading all she could about mysteries and forensics. Her plan was to study science in preparation for a career in forensics on a police force or in the medical field. She believed that by learning how the world functions through science, we could become better citizens and have a healthier life. People can be better stewards of the world in which they live by understanding the environment.

Application Requirements for Megan E. Cook Memorial Scholarship

- I. Please fill out this [GOOGLE FORM](#)

OR

- II. Please include the following information on a separate sheet and mail to the MLSA office:
 - A. Full Name (including middle initial or name)
 - B. Permanent Address
 - C. Telephone number
 - D. Email address
 - E. College mailing address
 - F. Overall college GPA
 - G. Expected semester and year of graduation
 - H. Degree being pursued
 - I. In addition, please provide the following:
 1. A most recent copy of your current transcript or if you have recently transferred to a new college, then please include your previous and recent transcripts
 2. Chronologically list your experience in environmental studies, research, or work, and possible contributions to societies or organizations
 - J. Please answer the following questions (limit your answers to 400 words per question or approximately 2-3 paragraphs).
 1. What do you find most concerning regarding Michigan inland lakes and their protection?
 2. How would this scholarship enable you to enhance your education and involvement in further studies?
 3. How does your proposed educational path relate to the values expressed by Megan E. Cook and her life?