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To Whom It May Concern:

Whitetails Unlimited, Delaware Chapter, is offering two \$2,500 scholarships. These scholarships are available to qualifying seniors who plan to pursue a major associated with Wildlife and Forestry Conservation, Environmental Sciences, Fish and Wildlife Management, Wildlife Biology, and/or Wildlife Ecology and Management.

Please forward the attached scholarship information/application to your High School Senior Guidance Counselors to disperse to interested seniors.

If you have any further questions concerning this, please contact:

Melody Warren
(302) 270-8883 (please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible)

Thank you.

Whitetails Unlimited
Delaware Chapter, Application Committee

Whitetails Unlimited – Delaware Chapter – Scholarship Application

Founded in 1982, Whitetails Unlimited is a national nonprofit conservation organization that has remained true to its mission and has made great strides in the field of conservation. We have gained the reputation of being the nation's premier organization dedicating our resources to the betterment of the white-tailed deer and its environment. Whitetails Unlimited mission is to raise funds in support of (1) educational programs, (2) wildlife habitat enhancement and acquisitions, and (3) preservation of the hunting tradition and shooting sports for future generations.

Eligibility:

- 1) Applicant must be a graduating senior, from a high school located in the state of Delaware.
- 2) Major's of interest should be associated with fields with the conservation and the betterment of white-tail deer and their environment. E.g. Wildlife and Forestry Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management, Wildlife Biology & Wildlife Ecology and Management, Environmental Sciences..
- 3) Applicant must graduate with a 3.0 or higher grade point average, based on the 4.0 grading scale, or equivalent based on their schools grading system.
- 4) Applicant must be involved in school and community activities.
- 5) Applicant must have demonstrated their ability as a leader among his/her peers.
- 6) Applicant must demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement.
- 7) Applicant must submit an essay. (Reference 'Part IV: Essay' listed on page 3)
- 8) Applications must submit a completed application and references by March 31st 2024.
- 9) Applicant must submit letters-of-recommendation from two (2) adults, one of which should be a teacher, Guidance Counselor or Principal. Letters-of-recommendation should not written by a Parent/Guardian or other member of the applicant's household.

Selection Process:

- 1) Applicant will submit a completed application, along with essay and references, to the Delaware Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Scholarship Committee. (See address listed below)
- 2) Two applicants will be selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship.
- 3) Scholarship recipients will not be notified until their high school awards banquet/ceremony.
- 4) The scholarship recipients will be invited to attend our annual Whitetails Unlimited – Delaware Chapter Banquet, held the last Saturday in January, to recognize their achievement.

Disbursement of funds:

- 1) Each recipient will be awarded \$2,500, to be used toward their college expenses.
- 2) Payment will be to the recipients address, after we, Whitetails Unlimited – Delaware Chapter – Scholarship Committee, has received a copy of the applicants fall college schedule.
 - * Schedule needs to be mailed to the same address as the application.

Instructions:

- 1) Make sure all portions of the application are complete and include all requested information and your essay.
- 2) The applicant and their Guidance Counselor or their high school's Principal must sign the application.
- 3) Return the application to:

Whitetails Unlimited – Delaware Chapter, Application Committee
C/O Melody Warren
6626 Willow Grove Road
Wyoming, Delaware 19934

Part I: Applicant information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian who you reside with: _____

Part II: Extra Curricular activities

List memberships and positions held in school-related activities/organizations:

List activities that demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement:

List awards received for school and community activities:

Part III: School information

High School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

College Preference: _____

Major study area: _____

(Major’s of interest should be associated with fields with the conservation and the betterment of white-tail deer and their environment. E.g. Wildlife and Forestry Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management, Wildlife Biology & Wildlife Ecology and Management, Environmental Sciences.)

Part IV: Essay

Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed two (2) pages.

Share an outdoor experience(s) that has had a significant impact on your life and/or outdoor experience(s) that will help you to be successful in your chosen field.

Part V: Letters-of-Recommendation

Letters-of-Recommendation should include the following information:

- Name, address and contact information of person making the recommendation
- Association to applicant e.g. 12th Grade Biology Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Principal, 4-H Club Leader, Boy/Girl Scout Troop Leader, Pastor, Church leader, Football Coach
- Letter-of-Recommendation must reference the applicants name
- Provide information about the applicant’s character, leadership qualities and any club, church and/or community service activity and their involvement.

Part VI: Applicant’s graduation statistics and Guidance Counselor or Principal Signature

(To be completed by the applicant’s Guidance Counselor or Principal)

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (unweighted) _____

Applicant’s rank in graduation class: _____ out of _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Principal _____

Date _____

Part VII: Applicant’s signature

By signing this form, I hereby grant Whitetails Unlimited and/or Whitetails Unlimited – Delaware Chapter to use my name, photograph and essay in connection with press releases and/or publications. I also certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____