

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

ARKANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERATION

About the Arkansas Environmental Federation

Founded in 1967, the Arkansas Environmental Federation (AEF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit education association with businesses and industry membership that encounters environmental, safety, and health regulations on a day-to-day basis. The AEF focuses on practical, common-sense laws and regulations based on sound science, a team-work approach to compliance, waste minimization, and pollution prevention. The AEF enables information to be exchanged on a daily basis between its members, government regulators, and policy makers.

Purpose of the Scholarship

Through its scholarship program, the AEF provides financial assistance to select graduate, undergraduate, and law students with ties to Arkansas. To apply, students must be majoring in environmental, natural resource programs, or a related field. Qualifying majors include but are not limited to Agricultural with Environmental Emphasis, Environmental Science, Chemical Engineering with Environmental Emphasis, Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, Biology, Civil Engineering with Environmental Emphasis, Environmental Engineering, Forestry, Geology, and Wildlife Management. Scholarship funding comes from the Federation's Public Education Program Fund and from the Endowment for the Randall Mathis Scholarship for Environmental Studies. Members of the Federation provide donations to these funds, making it possible to award scholarships up to \$2,500 each year to a deserving student(s). The scholarships are designated the Randall Mathis Scholarship in honor of Randall Mathis of Arkadelphia, the former longtime director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and the Randy Thurman Scholarship, named for longtime director of the Arkansas Environmental Federation.

Application Criteria

U.S. Citizen

Attending an Arkansas university or law school, or have graduated from an Arkansas high school

Undergraduate, graduate, or law student

Completion of 40 credit hours at time of application

Full-time student status at time of application and for year scholarship is awarded

Minimum 2.8 cumulative Grade Point Average (based on 4.0 system)

Two letters of recommendation that address candidate's scholastic and personal attributes, with at least one from a faculty member in current program

Application Process

Each candidate must complete and submit an application form along with current official transcript(s) and letters. See instructions on application form.

Selection Process

A committee formed of members of the AEF will make the selections. Representatives of the Federation may interview candidates during the application review. The scholarship will be awarded in October at AEF's annual convention.

For More Information

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