

# APPLICATION FOR THE MARY SUZANNE RICHEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## *A Pentwater Lake Association Water Resource Scholarship*

All graduating seniors who attend high school in Oceana County, or those outside the county who are children/grandchildren of current PLA members, are eligible to apply. The importance of clean water in the world is growing. The purpose of this scholarship is to support post high school education (degree or certification) that promotes clean water sources. Application submission deadline is April 15.

### Personal information, contacts

- Your name \_\_\_\_\_
- Your home address \_\_\_\_\_
- Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_
- Your email address \_\_\_\_\_
- Your parent or guardian address and phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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- High school you are currently attending \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent or grandparent who is current PLA member? \_\_\_\_\_

Part 1 (worth 25 points) Identify how this scholarship can help you in your educational goals and/or career goals. Include the

- Name of the school or institution you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_
- Degree or certification you will be seeking \_\_\_\_\_
- Years required for completion of the program \_\_\_\_\_
- Please identify any additional funding sources of support for your continuing education.
- What motivates you to pursue your educational goal?

Part 2 (worth 25 points) Relevant experience and references

- Please list any school clubs, volunteer activities, life experience, or community involvements you participated in that relate to the environment and clean water resources.
- Please attach two letters of recommendation (at least one from your school) and identify the persons who provided the recommendations.

Part 3 (worth 50 points) Essay: Explain two ways that our lakes/streams and their waters are important to your future. Identify ways to improve lake health and develop cleaner waters and list specific steps to achieve those goals.

This scholarship amount is \$500 (or more) and will be sent to the educational institution of your choice at the end of your first semester. Selection of the recipient will be made by the Pentwater Lake Association Scholarship Committee. The recipient will be asked to write a short article for the PLA Newsletter to reflect on their first semester (or year) of their educational experience.

Send completed applications to [annamaebush@gmail.com](mailto:annamaebush@gmail.com) or AnnaMae Bush, 195 Suffolk St., Pentwater MI 49449