

Shimano Canada / Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus University Scholarship Application 2019

As many of the provincial and federal natural resource managers near retirement age, there will be a need to fill vacant positions with qualified individuals who understand the practical aspects of angling, sustainable use and harvest of fish and wildlife and have a passion for sport fishing. In order to ensure that a pool of well-trained professionals is available for natural resource agencies and private sector employers, Shimano and the all-party Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus have partnered to fund scholarships for ten dedicated students committed to advancing their education in fish and wildlife management/research science.

Shimano Canada and the Outdoor Caucus (OC) are offering ten \$3,000 college/university scholarships in 2020 for students enrolled in a fish and wildlife sciences major in an accredited academic institution in Canada or the U.S. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution, and can be used for tuition, textbooks or living expenses.

Student Selection Criteria:

Requirements:

1. Enrollment as a full-time student/graduate student in an accredited Canadian or American college or university, with a declared major in one of the following programs: Fish & Wildlife Technician or Technology; Fisheries Resource Management; Marine Studies; Wildlife Resource Management; Fisheries Research or related field.
2. Canadian citizenship;
3. Active angler and hunter;
4. Member of a national or provincial fishing/hunting conservation organization.

Selection of the recipient shall consider not only financial need and academic record, but also personal background and description of interests and hobbies, as well as references.

Scholarship Application Process:

1. Complete and sign the **Application page** below;
2. Provide **Proof of Enrollment** in an accredited educational institution in Canada or the U.S. with a declared major in one of the above programs;

3. Provide current **Transcripts** of academic performance;
4. Provide a **Statement of Purpose** that is 800 words or less, explaining your background, interests and goals for a career in fish & wildlife management or research. Provide an explanation of why fishing/hunting are relevant to your educational and career goals. If you are currently involved in academic research, briefly describe your current research in a prospectus or summary, including any plans you have to disseminate your results through presentations or publications. Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational objectives. Include any other details you would like to share in helping the Scholarship Committee make a decision;
5. Provide **Resume** or curriculum vitae'
6. Provide **three Reference letters** from people who have known you for at least five years, including names and contact information.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of natural resource management/academic professionals and the Outdoor Caucus leadership. The successful applicants will be notified by December 23, 2019 and be invited to a presentation ceremony in Ottawa with the Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus and Shimano.

Application Deadline: 5pm, Eastern Time, November 22, 2019

Please scan all required documents and e-mail as a single PDF file to Angela Darraugh at: adarraugh@shimano.com

**Shimano/OC Undergraduate College/University Scholarship
Program Application**

(Please type or print legibly. Use additional pages as necessary for elaborating on any specific items.)

Name:

Date of Birth:

Are you a Canadian Citizen?

Address:

City:

Province: Postal Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Name of College or University:

Major Field of Study:

1st Year of Enrollment:

How long have you been fishing?

Do you fish competitively?

List favourite fish species:

Do you hunt?

List favourite game species:

List extra curricular activities:

To which fish/wildlife conservation organizations do you belong?

Have you been involved in any fish or wildlife improvement/conservation efforts? (please elaborate)

Explain the role recreational fishing plays in the conservation of your favorite target species:

Explain what sustainable use and management of Canada's sport fish/wildlife means to you and the future of your outdoor heritage activities: