



What's In Outdoors Scholarship

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The What's in Outdoors Fund was created to serve those interested in getting youth and families "Outside for a Better Inside!" Our Fund, through the Emporia Community Foundation, will provide support for youth and family outdoor related programs as well as scholarships. We also want to provide scholarships to Kansas Kids interested in making a career out of environmental education or related areas in photography, journalism, communications and conserving our natural resources.

What's in Outdoors believes in the Kansas Children's "Outdoor Bill of Rights:"

Every child should have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Kansas history, assess a natural environment, camp under the stars, explore nature, learn to swim, play on a team, follow a trail, catch fish, harvest game, participate in the shooting sports and play in a safe environment.

The What's In Outdoors Scholarship provides the following scholarship:



(1) \$1,000 scholarship - \$500/semester

Criteria:



Available to all graduating high school seniors and current college or university students in the state of Kansas



Attending a college or university in Kansas with Kansas based career goals



Student must major in a wildlife or nature-based curriculum and/or communications

Selection Based From:



Scholarship Application



Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach or employer



Past or current involvement in the wildlife or nature based fields



Those hoping for careers writing about or photographing wildlife or nature should send examples of their work

Advisement from:



What's In Outdoors Fund advisors within the Emporia Community Foundation

Additional Information:



Applicant must show proof of full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship funds



Second semester payment will be sent after grades from first semester are received

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The mission of the Emporia Community Foundation is to connect caring people with causes that build stronger communities within the Emporia area which includes Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties.

What's In Outdoors Scholarship Application
(Part I)

Name of Applicant: _____

Directions:

1. Type or write your information in black ink.

2. Return application forms to the Emporia Community Foundation on or before May 1. **At least one letter of recommendation must be included with the application form or the application will not be considered.**

3. The Student Services Office will complete this section.

a. Student's Cumulative GPA: _____

b. Class Rank: _____

c. Size of Class: _____

Guidance Counselor or Registrar Signature

4. I give my permission for the release of this application, my transcript, GPA and class rank to the scholarship committee.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**What's In Outdoors Scholarship Application
(Part II)**

Name of Applicant: _____

1. List important school honors, awards, offices held, etc. beginning with grade 10 to the present.
2. List important out-of-school honors, awards, offices held, community service projects, etc. beginning with grade 10 to the present.
3. Outline your past experience in wildlife or nature-based activities. Include your reasons for desiring to pursue your curriculum of study and your plans for using the education after you graduate from college.
4. List summer and/or part-time jobs you have held, beginning with grade 10 to the present. Indicate the length of time each job was held.
5. Write a brief statement about your desire to continue your education. (approximately 100 words or less)
6. Write a brief statement explaining your financial need for this scholarship; include any unusual circumstances. (approximately 100 words or less)
7. Name the college or university you attend or plan to attend next year. If you are considering more than one school, please rank them – list first choice first.
8. What are your thoughts concerning organized shooting sports and consumptive (hunting, fishing) and non-consumptive (hiking, photography) forms of outdoor recreation?
9. Why do you wish to receive this scholarship?
10. List the address for your parents/guardian.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____