Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever

April 1, 2017

Dear Area Students and Educators:

Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever is committed to encouraging the youth of Poweshiek County to pursue careers in the natural resource field. With the destruction of quality wildlife habitat, increased water quality issues, climate change, and alarming extinction rates, Pheasants Forever realizes the importance of recruiting a new generation of professionals to help tackle these issues. For this reason, the Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever Chapter is offering one **$500 scholarship** to a high school senior in each Poweshiek County high school pursuing a career in natural resource conservation.

Youth interested in applying should complete an application that can be found at your local high school Guidance Office. Applications should be returned to the local Guidance Office by **May 1, 2017**. Upon reviewing the scholarships, the scholarship committee may request selected applicants to complete a brief interview. Interviews will provide scholarship committee with a chance to learn more about the student and their future goals. It is our hope that students will benefit from this experience, enabling them to practice their interviewing skills. Any questions about the application or requirements may be directed to Devin Wells at devin.wells@grinnellbank.com

Sincerely,

Devin Wells
Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever
Conservation Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students should be graduating seniors with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
2. Students must be pursuing a career in conservation, natural resources, environmental education, conservation law enforcement, biology or related field at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College. Technical College, College or University).
3. Students must demonstrate leadership skills and the motivation to participate in extra curricular activities.
4. Students must demonstrate a commitment to and passion for conservation and improvement of wildlife habitat.
5. Students must submit an autobiography and essay. (See application for details).
6. Two letters of recommendation must be attached to the application.
7. High schools/students must submit completed applications and attachments to the GHS Counseling Office by May 1, 2017.
8. Employees of Pheasants Forever and their family members are not eligible to apply.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Poweshiek County Chapter will work in cooperation with schools to notify winner.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

Students may use their scholarship for tuition, books, fees and housing at any accredited institution of higher education. The local chapter will work with the student to determine when the check is issued. This will ensure the greatest benefit to the recipient and avoid violation of eligibility requirements.

PRESENTATIONS:

A Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever Chapter representative will officially present the local Scholarship.

Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever Conservation Scholarship

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT
Today's Date: _____
Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Permanent Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone #:_____ Email Address: _____
Graduating High School: _____
Graduation Date: _____
College Preference: _____
Major Area of Study: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List membership in school related organizations and any leadership positions you have held in high school (i.e. Honor Society, FFA. Science Club, Student Council, etc.):
List any activities that demonstrate community involvement (i.e. Scouts, 4-H, civic group or club volunteer work, etc.):
List any awards or special recognitions received for school or community involvement:
List work experience (i.e. after school, summer, etc.)

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

• **TRANSCRIPTS**: Official, sealed transcripts.
• **LETTERS OF REFERENCE:** Two letters of reference from teachers, advisors, employers or community leaders.
• **AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** Write a brief autobiography and explain why you are a worthy recipient of this conservation scholarship. Include any experiences that demonstrate your passion for conservation and wildlife habitat. Autobiography must be typewritten, double-spaced, and not exceeding two pages.
• **ESSAY:** Write a brief essay describing why conservation and wildlife habitat are important to you. Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed two pages.

NOTE:

1. Attach additional sheets to application if needed.
2. School Counselor or Principal must sign application
3. Pheasants Forever employees or their family members are not eligible to participate,
4. Submit application and additional materials to the GHS Counseling Office no later than May 1, 2016.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

By signing this form, I hereby certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for the Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever Conservation Scholarship.

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Signature of Applicant Date Signed

SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE

Applicant's Current Grade Point Average_____ on a _____ scale.

***OFFICIAL SEALED TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED.**

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Signature of School Counselor or Principal Date

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION: