

2025 Foundation for Geauga Parks Conservation Scholarship Program Application

Mission Statement: *The Foundation for Geauga Parks is an independent, non-profit organization created to raise money to fund community engagement with nature through education, preservation, conservation and appreciation of the unique natural character of Geauga County.*

Purpose

The Foundation for Geauga Parks' Conservation Scholarship Program was established by the Foundation for Geauga Parks (FGP) Trustees in 2022. These scholarships are made possible by generous donations to the FGP Nature Education fund.

It is the intent of FGP to designate up to \$10,000 in scholarships in 2025 to students who demonstrate interest in educational pursuits that align with FGP's mission.

Criteria

- Student must live in or go to school in Geauga County and will graduate in the Spring of 2025.
- Student must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.8
- Student must plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college or university, or a career or technical education institution in the fall of 2025 for studies in areas that promote education, preservation, conservation and appreciation of natural resources. Examples may be studies in natural sciences, biology, park management and other similar disciplines. The college or university must be a public or private, not-for-profit institution from which an associate or bachelor's degree can be earned.
- Preference will be shown to students who have participated in extra-curricular activities such as Envirothon, academic or community projects, volunteer services, clubs, fundraisers, internships or employment that promotes values aligned with the FGP mission.

General Information

Completed applications must be received no later than **March 3, 2025**, by **4pm** to be eligible for this award. Applicants must submit all the required paperwork in one package. Incomplete applications will not be given consideration, and any applications received after the date will be immediately disqualified. Finalists will be required to take part in an interview. Recipient(s) shall provide proof of college, university, career or technical education acceptance prior to receipt of award. Scholarship money shall be paid directly to each student's college, university, career or technical education institution for tuition, fees and other educational related expenses.



Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK IN ONE PACKAGE. Reference letters and transcripts may be submitted in individually sealed envelopes within the application package. To be considered for this scholarship, the student shall submit the following information via mail or hand deliver it to the address below by **March 3, 2025, by 4pm.**

Completed Application Form

Statement of Activities, Honors, Leadership and Work Experience – On a separate sheet of paper, LIST (not an essay) school and community activities – including years in which you participated; honors or awards you have received; identify leadership positions you have held; and any work experience you have acquired. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding citizenship through their service and participation in community activities.

Copy of Transcripts – Transcripts (either official or unofficial) from the entire high school enrollment shall be included. Scholarship applicants must have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.

College Admission Composite Test Scores – Please include your ACT and/or SAT scores. A copy of all score reports shall be included when available. (Does not apply to career or technical education applicants)

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation – Applicants shall include two separate letters of recommendation from teachers or community leaders.

Applicant's Essay – An essay on just **one** of the below topics written by applicant (describe in 500 words or less, 1.5 spaced, typewritten)

- 1) What career path have you chosen and why? **OR**
- 2) What is the most important thing that has happened to you and how has it impacted your life?

Mail to:

FOUNDATION FOR GEAUGA PARKS
Attn: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
12375 Kinsman Road, Suite H-10
Newbury, OH 44065

Application packets may also be dropped off in-person to the address above M/W/TH 10am – 3pm.

Direct questions to Foundation for Geauga Parks at 440-564-1048.
To learn more about Foundation for Geauga Parks, please visit our website at <https://www.foundationforgeaugaparks.org/>



FOUNDATION FOR GEAUGA PARKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Information

High School Attended: _____

High School Address: _____

High School Phone Number: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Prospective College Information:

College/University/Career or Technical School attending in Fall 2025

Name Phone Number

Address City State Zip Code

To be completed by: Applicant and Parent/Guardian

We understand that the receipt of any award money is contingent upon the applicant's full-time attendance in 2025-2026 at a university, college or career or technical education institution. We certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, all information contained in this application is true and accurate. We agree to the release of appropriate information to the media.

Signature: Applicant Date

Signature: Parent/Guardian Date



PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I hereby authorize the Foundation for Geauga Parks and those acting by its authority to: (1) record my likeness and/or voice on a video, audio, photographic, digital, electronic or any other medium; (2) use my name and biographical material in connection with such recordings; and (3) use, reproduce, exhibit, and/or distribute my name, biographical material, and such recording in any medium (e.g. print publications, video, internet, etc.) for promotional, advertising, educational, and/or other lawful purposes. I release and waive any claims or rights of compensation or ownership regarding such uses and understand that all such recordings shall remain the property of the Foundation for Geauga Parks. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older or that my parent/guardian has also signed below.

Name of Participant (please print):

Participant Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature (if Participant is under 18 years of age):