

## IDIE ULSH YOUNG NATURALIST SCHOLARSHIPS

### 2018 Scholarship Application Form

The Washington Butterfly Association (WBA) proudly announces three scholarships to send young nature enthusiasts, age 10 – 17 years, **plus** a parent or guardian for each, to the WBA 2018 annual Weekend with Butterflies. This year's event will take place July 13 - 15 and will be based at the White Salmon Grange near Hood River, OR, with field trips into nearby habitats. These scholarships are funded by the estate of our beloved Idie Ulsh, founder of WBA.



Each scholarship covers a student and one accompanying parent, guardian, or appointed adult, and includes:

- A day and a half of field trips.
- Accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights at the Sunset Motel, Hood River, Oregon
- Round-trip mileage from winner's home town to Hood River at \$0.30 per mile
- Friday evening rendezvous with camaraderie, light refreshments, and a review of what we might see on field trips
- Saturday evening banquet with keynote speaker on a topic related to butterflies.
- Sack lunches for Saturday and Sunday field trips
- Registration for the event
- One year WBA membership (family rate)

Please note that once a winner has been selected, a \$100 earnest-money deposit is required, which will be returned, along with the travel allowance, when winner and accompanying adult arrive at the conference.

Details regarding the annual Weekend with Butterflies can be obtained from the Washington Butterfly Association website at [www.wabutterflyassoc.org](http://www.wabutterflyassoc.org)

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#### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of July 15, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent, Guardian, or accompanying adult \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent, Guardian, or accompanying adult if different from yours  
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What is your school name? \_\_\_\_\_ City and State \_\_\_\_\_

In what grade are you? \_\_\_\_\_

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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Write and attach an **essay of no more than 700 words** that explains why you are interested in this scholarship. The essay might include your thoughts on: 1. The importance of nature and nature study in your life. Include some examples of your experiences with nature and the nature-study activities you most enjoy (e.g. drawing, photography, surveying, catching insects, rearing insects, identifying flowers). 2. What you have done in your life that you are most proud of, and why.

A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Your application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an adult who is not related to you but who knows your commitment to nature study (e.g. teacher, mentor, nature center director). At a minimum, the letter should include the name and contact information of the author, the nature and length of his or her relationship with you, and his or her perception of your interest in nature study. The letter may be included with your application or sent under separate cover.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS:

Completed application with accompanying essay and letter(s) of reference **MUST be received by the end of day, May 4, 2018**. Scholarship recipients will be announced by the end of May, 2018

Submission may be sent

by e-mail to: [ddieulshscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:ddieulshscholarship@gmail.com)

Subject: 2018 Scholarships

--or by mail to:

WBA Scholarship Committee

Washington Butterfly Association

PO Box 31317

Seattle, WA 98103

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By signing this application, I represent that I am a resident of Washington, Oregon, or Idaho and will be between 10 and 17 years old **on** July 15, 2018. I understand that the WBA Scholarships will cover only the items listed above for myself and an accompanying adult. I also understand that, if I am awarded a scholarship, I will share my experience with the Washington Butterfly Association within a few months following the Weekend with Butterflies. This sharing can range from a letter describing the species observed, and associated habitats, to a 5-10 minute oral presentation.

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Your signature and date

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Signature of accompanying adult and date

If applicant is awarded a scholarship and the accompanying adult is not the parent or legal guardian of the applicant, then the parent or guardian must assign responsibility to the accompanying adult with that adult signing to accept such responsibility. The form will be provided to each scholarship winner as needed.