IDIE ULSH YOUNG NATURALIST SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 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 2019 Butterfly Study Weekend. This year’s event will take place June 28 – 30, 2019 in Colville, Wa., with field trips into nearby habitats. These scholarships are funded by the estate of Idie Uls, 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 led by knowledgeable members.
- Accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights.
- Round-trip mileage from winner’s home town to Colville, Wa. 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.

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 this conference can be obtained from the Washington Butterfly Association website at www.wabutterflyassoc.org

Applicant Information:

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _____________ Zip code _________________________
Home phone _________________________ Cell phone _________________________________
Email _____________________________________________________________
Date of Birth ___________________________ Age as of June 28, 2019 ________________

Name(s) of Parent, Guardian, or accompanying adult
____________________________________________________________________________________

Address of Parent, Guardian, or accompanying adult if different from yours
____________________________________________________________________________________

What is your school name? ___________________________ City and State _______________

In what grade are you? ___________________________
PERSONAL STATEMENT:
Write and attach an essay of no more than 900 words that explains why you are interested in this scholarship. The essay might include your thoughts on the following.
-- 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).
-- What you have done in your life that you are most proud of, and why (this doesn’t need to be nature-study related).

LETTERS 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 their relationship with you, and their 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, Saturday, May 18th, 2019. Scholarship recipients will be announced by the end of May 2019.

Submission may be sent
by e-mail to:  ideulshscholarship@gmail.com
Subject:  2019 Scholarship

--or by mail to:
WBA Scholarship Committee
Washington Butterfly Association
PO Box 31317
Seattle, WA 98103

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 date of the study weekend’s last day – June 30, 2019. I understand that the WBA Scholarship 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 10 months following the Butterfly Study Weekend. This sharing can range from a letter describing the species observed, and associated habitats, to a 5-10 minute oral presentation.

_____________________________________       _____________________________________
Your signature and date       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.