

IDIE ULSH YOUNG NATURALIST SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 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 2020 Butterfly Study Weekend. This year's event will take place July 10 – 12, 2020 in a variety of habitats in the Blue Mountains of Southeast Washington. These scholarships are funded by the estate of 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 led by knowledgeable members.
- Accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights.
- Round-trip mileage from winner's home town to Dayton, 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 dinner with keynote speaker on a topic related to butterflies.
- 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

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Applicant Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of July 12, 2020 _____

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).

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 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 of reference **MUST be received by the end of day, Monday, June 1st, 2020**. Scholarship recipients will be announced by the end of June 2020.

Submission may be sent

by e-mail to: wbascholarship@gmail.com

Subject: 2020 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 – July 12, 2020**. 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.