



## Protect Geauga Parks Bob McCullough Conservation Scholarship

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

***Applications are due by midnight, Sunday, April 16, 2023***

Protect Geauga Parks (PGP) is accepting applications for the 2023 Bob McCullough Memorial Conservation Scholarship. Scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded to up to 3 high school seniors who live or attend school in Geauga County. The scholarship program is aimed at students with evidence of volunteering, service, and/or activism that promotes conservation in support of PGP's mission.

#### ***Application Requirements***

##### **Qualified applicants will:**

- Live in or attend school in Geauga County
- Graduate High School in Spring 2023
- Plan to attend college, university or career/technical ed program in Fall 2023
- Plan on completing a program of study that will promote conservation, preservation, and protection of nature. Examples include but aren't limited to:
  - Natural or environmental sciences
  - Natural resource management
  - Policy or advocacy promoting conservation
- Submit a Scholarship Application by the due date
- Provide two letters of recommendation

**Applications must be submitted to [info.protectgeaugaparks@gmail.com](mailto:info.protectgeaugaparks@gmail.com) by midnight, Sunday, April 16, 2023. Recipients will be announced on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.**

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Before receiving the award, winners must provide

1. Proof of acceptance to a college, university, or career/tech education program.
2. Signed media release and parent permission for students under age 18

## Protect Geauga Parks Bob McCullough Scholarship Application Instructions

Applicants will prepare and submit an application containing application contents. The application file should be sent via email to [info.protectgeaugaparks@gmail.com](mailto:info.protectgeaugaparks@gmail.com) with "2023 McCullough Scholarship Application" in the subject line. Application must be submitted by midnight, April 16, 2023.

### Applications will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Experience (evidence of sustained activity and commitment to conservation and/or environmental advocacy)
- Future goals (college program, possible major, career goals)
- Clarity (writing style, sentence structure, grammar)

### APPLICATION CONTENTS:

#### 1. Biographical Information:

Create a cover sheet to include the following information: Name, Age, Birthdate, Home address, Email address, Phone number, School name, Parent or Guardian name(s) and Phone number

#### 2. Academic and Civic Experiences:

A numbered/itemized list of relevant activities, honors, awards, work experience, and other relevant items demonstrating accomplishments, leadership, and service in promoting conservation both within and outside of the school setting. Items listed should provide evidence of a commitment to one or more principles of Protect Geauga Park's mission\*. Examples include but are not limited to: participation in extra-curricular activities such as Envirothon; academic or community projects; volunteer service, conservation/activism clubs; fundraisers; internships; or employment.

#### 3. Essay: An original essay by the applicant of 500-1000 words. Use regular size font and margins, double-spaced typing on 1-2 pages. The essay must describe:

- How your projects/ activities demonstrate the importance of conservation to you.
- What do you see as your best opportunity for contribution to the protection of the natural world?
- What are your career goals following graduation?

**4. Letters of recommendation:**

Include two letters of recommendation written by persons who know you well enough to speak to your relevant accomplishments and potential. The person should be in a position such as student advisor, volunteer coordinator, employer, teacher, school counselor, or administrator.

***Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 10, 2023***

**Send questions to: [info.protectgeaugaparks@gmail.com](mailto:info.protectgeaugaparks@gmail.com)**

***\*The mission of Protect Geauga Parks is to promote, support and actively campaign for Conservation, Preservation and Protection of Nature as the primary mission of our parks.***

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