

2015-2016

\$800 Tuition Scholarship (for Fall 2016 semester)

Alan Church Environmental Steward Scholarship for Marine, Coastal, and Watershed Systems

Application Deadline March 11, 2016

APPLICATION

- 1) Minimum 2.60 GPA and full time student
- 2) Must be starting (or in) your Junior or Senior year of a Science and Environmental Policy major (Biology, Marine Science, Environmental Science (ESTP), or Environmental Studies). AMWS graduate students may apply if returning in Fall 2016
- 3) Craft an essay that addresses as many of the following points as you can. Please see Essay Addendum on the following page for detailed prompts.
 - a. Volunteer work focused on improving the natural environment (Return of the Natives, etc.)
 - b. Coursework or volunteer work that motivated youth to appreciate the natural environment.
 - c. Coursework or volunteer work that involves attending local civic meetings related to the natural environment.

Please email your essay to Dr. Doug Smith (dosmith@csUMB.edu) before midnight of March 11. Use CHURCH ESSAY as the subject line. First priority will be given to the student whose essay most closely matches the spirit of the scholarship in the judgment of the student selection committee. Essay length is not an official factor in the competition, but all the elements of this essay could fit nicely in ***less than*** 1500 words.

ESSAY ADDENDUM on next page

Alan Church Student Essay Addendum

California State University, Monterey Bay

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Essay required to apply for scholarship

and

Essay required upon receiving the scholarship

Essay for Application: Applicant will provide to the Chair of the Division of Science & Environmental Policy, an essay describing volunteer work, experiences and/or interests that address (1) course work and/or volunteer work to improve the natural environment, and (2) course work and/or volunteer work pertaining to motivating youth to appreciate the natural environment, and (3) course work and/or volunteer work that involves attending local civic meetings pertaining to the natural environment. Topics shall describe projects that address the following areas: a local issue that utilizes a student/local professional partnership, a project that benefits the local shoreline and/or sand dune habitat, a project that benefits the Monterey Bay marine environment, a project that benefits any local watersheds (Salinas River or Carmel River), or a project that benefits any local forests such as Jack's Peak Park or the Ventana/Silver Peak section of the Los Padres National Forest. Volunteer work or internships with the following organizations, or similar organizations, are highly recommended: Save the Whales, MEarth, Friends of Jack's Peak Park, and Ventana Wilderness Alliance. First priority will be given to the student whose application essay most closely matches the spirit of the scholarship in the judgment of the student selection committee.

Donor Notification and Essay Requirements for Award Recipient: Upon the decision of the selection committee, the student is to provide a second essay using the prompts below. The donor will be notified of the scholarship recipient and the recipient's award essay will be provided within one month of the selection.

The scholarship recipient essay will be at least one full page (double spacing is optional). The following prompts are to be used as a guide to help develop a narrative; however, further expansion of information on a theme is encouraged. Stilted responses are unacceptable.

Prompts 1-4 must be addressed in the essay. In addition, the recipient is required to address one or more of prompts 5, 6 or 7.

1. What first interested you in environmental studies?
2. Describe your goals, aspirations, and view of your ultimate professional work.
3. Describe any event or experience that led you to choose your professional career decision.
4. How will this scholarship help you reach your goal?
5. What environmental projects have you worked on that excited you? What did they entail? Did you make a presentation, write any papers, or participate in any cooperative events? Did any of these projects affect your view of environmental work or how you will pursue your goal?
6. If you have researched a significant environmental topic and created a written research study, briefly describe this research study, the plan, the findings, results and conclusions.
7. Describe your goals and plan for your college education, internships desired, experience or work accomplished to help reach these goals.