SCRC Scholarship Outline

Scholarships are for individuals looking to deepen their knowledge and further their field experiences in the many Florida ecosystems through the Florida Master Naturalist Program. They are available to all applicants despite age, race, sex, color, religion, country of origin, or county residence. They will be awarded **annually** through the Awards & Recognitions Committee and Board process, and announced at the **November** SCRC Annual Meeting. Scoring rubric and guidelines will be available to applicants via SCRC website and social media. Completed scholarships must be in the office or emailed by **September 30, 2016**.

Applicants will:

- submit their scholarship application by the due date
- complete all class requirements (attend required sessions and field trips, and complete a project)
- present their final class project at a SCRC membership meeting within **6 months of completing their course**
- describe why they feel attending an FMNP course will be beneficial to them
- convey their passion for natural resource conservation through continuing education

Committee will:

- process all applications in a blind review
    - applications and applicants will be given corresponding numbers by a non-reviewing member, and only the essay will be scored (no personal information attached)
- narrow applications down to top 5 based upon a scoring rubric
- submit to Board by October 15th for final scholarship award decision

Board of Directors and SCRC Chapter Facilitator will:

- review top 5 scoring applications
- submit anonymous votes for top application based on rubric score and content
- if no clear winner, a recount will occur
- The Space Coast Regional Chapter BOD reserves the right to not make scholarship awards if they determine that the pool of applicant(s) does not meet the minimum standards for this award.
- The awarded scholarship will be paid for directly by the SCRC for the recipient; the recipient will be registered for the Module of their choice by the Board. Funds will not be paid out to individuals

Personal Response Essay Inquiry Section (please limit each response to 150 words):

1. Explain why you believe attending a FMNP course will be beneficial to you.
2. Describe how attending a FMNP course will impact you personally.
3. Share how the information attained from a FMNP course will be utilized.
4. In what way(s) will you plan to participate in conservation efforts or environmental education activities after attending a module?
5. What current conservation practices or environmental education activities are you already involved, if any?

Scoring Rubric

0-3 points awarded per section for highest score of 15 points

5 sections to score

- clear/completed application
- applied use of FMNP information described
- value of FMNP module described
- personal impact or benefit described
- conservation and environmental activities described