

# IWOA to Award Scholarship

The Iowa Woodlands Owners Scholarship Fund was created in 2013 and administered through ISU Foundation. Since 2024, the Iowa Woodland Owners Association (IWOA) Scholarship has been directly awarded by the Board of Supervisors of IWOA. The IWOA Scholarship will be given to an upper-class student who is currently attending any accredited College/University in Iowa.

## Prospective Applicants

The annual scholarship is available to a full-time (12 semester hours or more) student who will be starting their junior or senior year in the fall semester of the award year. While amounts may vary somewhat, typical awards are \$1000 and will be given to an individual with a major in Natural Resources. Examples of curriculums of study could include Forestry, Conservation, Horticulture, Environmental Science, etc. Application deadline is March 15th of each award year.

## Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Residency. Students applying for the scholarship must be a United States citizen and have graduated from an accredited high school in the state of Iowa or have been a resident of the state of Iowa for at least three consecutive years immediately prior to application.
- Membership. Students will be a member or have an immediate family member who holds current membership in IWOA.
- Areas of Study. Student must be majoring in Natural Resources field or intend to major in the field as a junior or senior in the fall semester of the award year.
- Merit. Student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 if a 4.0 scale.
- Involvement. Student will have demonstrated leadership as evidenced by participation in extra-curricular or community organizations and activities.
- Financial Need. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated financial need.
- Essay. Applicants are required to submit an essay demonstrating their passion to become knowledgeable about forest management practices and a desire to participate in the development of and sustaining maintenance of Iowa's woodlands. The essay should be the original work of the student, not generated by Chat GPT or other forms of ai.
- References. Applicants must provide the names and e-mail addresses from two professional individuals.

## Application Process

Individuals interested in completing the application for the IWOA Scholarship are asked to contact either Ruth McAndrews (ruthsmca@gmail.com) or Linda Haugen (Lhaugenmn@gmail.com) to request the application materials. All completed application materials will be reviewed by members of the IWOA Scholarship Committee. The scholarship recipient will be named by May 1st. Deadline for completed applications is March 15, 2026