



MID-MICHIGAN UNITED SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE (MMUSA)
Donald Vandebos Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The **purpose** of MMUSA's Donald Vandebos Sr. Memorial Scholarship(s) is to assist student recipients in defraying their tuition and fee expenses in pursuit of education in the areas of conservation, wildlife, fisheries or natural resources studies. It will also promote community awareness of the mission of MMUSA, the importance of career opportunities in these fields, and retention of our area youth.

MMUSA will offer two (2) scholarships in May or June, 2012 in the amount of **\$1,000.00 each**.

Applicants must be a 2012 **graduating high school senior or a high school graduate**.

Preference will be given to graduates from educational institutions in the **greater Montcalm County area**.

Applicants must be in or entering a field of study of **conservation, wildlife, fisheries, or natural resources**.

Grade Point Average will be a consideration and a **transcript is required**.

Financial need will not be a selection criteria.

Required **Letters of Recommendation** should attest to the applicant's character and abilities to succeed.

Community service experience related to conservation, wildlife, fisheries, natural resources, or the environment will be a consideration.

Applicants must complete the **Scholarship Application form** and an essay describing their career and professional goals and why they would like to receive this scholarship and file with MMUSA **by March 31, 2012**. The scholarship criteria and application may be downloaded by going to the MMUSA website: www.midmichusa.org

The scholarship is **not automatically renewable**. However, both unsuccessful scholarship applicants and successful scholarship recipients **may reapply** for the scholarship again during the next Scholarship Application Cycle which will typically be one year. These applications will then be considered and evaluated along with those of new applicants for any available scholarships.

MMUSA is organized as a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(C)3, charitable organization whose purpose is to educate both sportsmen and the community about wildlife and conservation related issues affecting them in the greater Mid-Michigan area while working for improvement and unification. MMUSA will accomplish this purpose through a multi-organizational task force comprised of individual members and representative members from other area outdoor, wildlife, and conservation oriented organizations. While doing so, it shall be MMUSA's policy to conduct its actions in compliance with all aspects of the Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations related to 501(C)3 nonprofit status.

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