

Shimano/BASS Undergraduate College Scholarship Fall/Spring 2017-2018

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As many of the state and federal natural resource managers near retirement age, there will be a need to fill vacant positions with qualified individuals who understand and have a passion for sport fishing. In order to ensure that a pool of well-trained applicants is available for employers to choose from, Shimano and the B.A.S.S. Nation (BN), are offering five, \$3,000 college scholarships in 2017 for students seeking a bachelor's degree in a natural resource field. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution, and can be used for tuition, textbooks or living expenses.

Requirements:

The applicant must be:

- Enrolled as a high school senior,
- a U.S. or Canadian citizen,
- Member of B.A.S.S.
- Be a B.A.S.S. Nation club or state/province organization member, or the immediate family member (living in the same household) of a BN member.

The applicant must commit:

- to enroll in a four year college or university as a full time student,
- to declare a major in biology, fisheries, wildlife or a natural resource related field.

Scholarship Application Process:

1. Complete the **Application form** below.
2. Provide a copy of your most recent high school **Transcript**.
3. Provide a **Letter of Introduction** that is no longer than 500 words (one typed page) explaining your background, interests and goals for a career in natural resources. Explain why fishing/hunting are relevant to your educational and career goals.
4. Provide **two Letters of Recommendation**: one from a high school or college educator, and one from a BN member, other than a family member. The letters should state why they feel you would make a good natural resource manager.
5. Provide a copy of a **Letter of Acceptance** from your selected college or university.
6. **Scan** all required documents and e-mail as a **single PDF file** to: gilliland@bassmaster.com

Applications will be reviewed by Shimano and B.A.S.S. staff and select BN conservation directors. The successful applicant will be notified by June 1, 2017 and be featured on Bassmaster.com

If selected for the Scholarship... You will be required to provide:

1. Verification of acceptance into a college or university natural resources degree program.
2. Your Social Security number.
3. Complete IRS W-9 form.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2017

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Application

(Please use additional pages as necessary for elaborating on any specific items.)

Name: _____
(Please type or print legibly)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/year) _____ / _____ / _____

B.A.S.S. Member Number: _____

Address: _____

City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

High School Name: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor _____

Counselor Contact Information _____

Most recent year's GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Name of College/University: _____

Major Field of Study: _____ First year of enrollment _____

How long have you been fishing? _____ Do you fish competitively? _____

List favorite fish species _____

Do you hunt? _____ List favorite game species _____

Extracurricular activities:
(clubs, teams, organizations) _____

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