**Bass Fishing Hall of Fame**

**Fall 2024 Fishery Management Scholarship**

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Many state and federal natural resource managers are nearing retirement, there is a need to fill vacant positions with qualified individuals who understand and have a passion for sport fishing. To ensure that a pool of well-trained applicants is available for employers to choose from, the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame is offering over $15,000 in college scholarships in 2024 for students seeking a degree in a natural resource field with a career goal of becoming a fishery manager.

**Requirements:**

The applicant must be:

* enrolled as a high school senior, college undergraduate or graduate student (MS or PhD),
* a U.S. or Canadian citizen,
* an avid angler.

The applicant must commit to:

* enroll in a four-year college, university, or accredited graduate program as a full-time student,
* declare a major in biology, aquatic ecology, fisheries, or closely related natural resource field.

Scholarship Application Process:

1. Complete the **Application form** below. Save with YOUR Name in the file name.
2. Provide a copy of your most recent high school or college **Transcript**.
3. High school students provide a **Letter of Acceptance** from your college or university.
4. Provide **proof of membership** in a fishing organization such as B.A.S.S., MLF or TBF -or- provide a copy of a valid fishing license.
5. Provide a **Short Essay** (no longer than 500 words or one typed page) explaining your background, interests, and goals for a career in natural resources. Describe your “dream” agency job and why. Explain why fishing is important to you and is relevant to your educational and career goals.
6. Provide up to three **Letters of Recommendation,** one of which must be from a high school or college educator, other than a family member. The letters should state their relationship to the applicant and why they feel you would make a good fishery manager.

**IMPORTANT: Scan** the application form and all the other required documents and e-mail them as a **Single PDF file** to ggilliland@bassmaster.com. Application packets not following these guidelines will be rejected.

Applications will be reviewed by an independent review panel. The applicants will be notified by July 1, 2024. Those selected will also be featured in BFHOF media releases.

**BFHOF College Scholarship Application**

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Birth (mm/dd/year): Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text.

State/Province: xx Zip/Postal Code: xxxxxxx

Phone: Home Phone: Cell

E-mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

High School or College/University Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Most recent year’s GPA: xxx Cumulative GPA: xxx

Major field of study: Click or tap here to enter text.

First year of enrollment: Click or tap here to enter text.

Expected graduation date: Click or tap here to enter text.

How long have you been fishing? years

List favorite fish species? years

Do you fish competitively? Yes  No

If so, what club/circuit/trail do you fish with? years

Name(s) & Membership Number(s) Organization Name Number

of fishing organization Organization Name Number

(B.A.S.S., MLF, TBF, etc.) Organization Name Number

Extracurricular activities (clubs, teams, organizations, & any leadership or positions roles): Click or tap here to enter text.

Complete this form and scan with other required documentation into a single PDF file and email to ggilliland@bassmaster.com

Application Deadline: May 1, 2024