

Rim of the World Interpretive Association

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The **Rim of the World Interpretive Association's** mission is to raise public awareness of and inspire active interest in the San Bernardino Mountains through nature-focused educational activities. Our vision emphasizes caring for the National Forest, including area treasures such as **Heaps Peak Arboretum**.

We are seeking students who are deeply interested in science and the environment and who share our commitment to the preservation of places like the Arboretum. This might include pursuing a degree in environmental science, botany, ornithology, biology, forestry or a related field. Your application introduces us to you. Simultaneously, it allows you to share your point of view and goals for the future. As we seek a deserving recipient for this year's award, we also learn from you how to involve young people in places like the Arboretum and nearby Children's Forest. Your thoughts help us in the work of advocating for the preservation of our natural environment. You can learn more about our organization and its mission by visiting the Arboretum in person at 29358 Rim of the World Hwy. 18, just east of Skyforest, or online at www.hparboretum.com.

Yearly Scholarship Award: \$2,500

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

- **Minimum GPA of 3.0** (on a scale of 4.0)
- A stated academic and career interest in the natural sciences, with a **major field of study** to include environmental science, biology, botany, forestry, wildlife management, fire science, ornithology, herpetology, entomology, zoology, geology or a related field.

REQUIRED ESSAY: Please compose it in 12-pt. Times New Roman, double spacing and not to exceed three pages when printed out from your computer on 8.5" by 11.5" sheets.

Please respond to the following key question:

When it comes to the environment, today's graduates have an opportunity to make a significant impact. Given both your past experiences and your strengths as a young person entering a nature-focused field, what role do you hope to play in the care and stewardship of our natural environment?

Note: Please include specific thoughts and ideas about how you came to care for the environment and what actions you hope to take in the future.

(student information below)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full name _____ Date _____

Mailing address _____

Anticipated major field of study and career goal? _____

Why these aspirations? _____

Anticipated education beyond high school _____

High school courses you have taken that relate to your career goal _____

Your extracurricular activities at Rim High (athletics, clubs, arts, music, drama, etc.)

Your community involvement (volunteering, community service, church, organizations, etc.)

Your honors, awards and certifications (academic honors, merit awards, CPR, etc.)

(more)

Work experience (in any field) _____

Your signature _____

Please use the reverse side of this form for additional comments, if needed. Attach your printed essay and submit your application in a folder or large envelope to the Rim High Counseling Office.

Counseling Office:

Signature _____ Student GPA _____

Please print name and official title _____