



BIG THOMPSON WATERSHED FORUM

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

2018/2019

The Big Thompson Watershed Forum (Forum) will award an environmental scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to a student attending **Colorado State University** or the **University of Northern Colorado** for the academic year 2018-2019.

Candidates must be an undergraduate student by the Fall 2018 semester and enrolled in an approved academic program with a primary study focus in hydrology, biology, environmental health or sociology, water resources, watershed science, and/or water quality. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. **Please note: Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship.**

Applications must be submitted to the Forum via email or hard copy by the close of business on September 10, 2018. The application package **must** include the following: a resume, three references (contact information only), a copy of the candidate's most recent academic transcripts (unofficial is acceptable), and a one-page letter of interest that describes the candidate's course of study, future educational and career plans, past/current volunteer or community work, and a statement about why they believe they should be selected for the award. **All materials must be submitted together as one complete electronic document** (n/a if mailing a hard copy). The top three candidates will be required to complete a 10-minute phone interview.

If selected, the candidate must commit to a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer work with the Forum. The candidate must be available to volunteer at the events listed on page two of this announcement. In addition to these events, many volunteer opportunities are available with the Forum that can provide the candidate with valuable learning experiences and networking possibilities.

Applications must be received by **11:00pm on September 16, 2018**. The selected candidate will be announced in early October. The scholarship recipient will receive \$750 at the Forum's Board of Directors meeting on December 19, 2018. The remaining \$750 will be awarded upon completion and documentation of the required 40 hours of volunteer work.

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Candidate Requirements

Application packet:

Resume *(first-year, sophomore, junior, or senior by the Fall 2018 semester)*
Three references *(contact information only, no letters of recommendation required)*
Academic transcripts *(3.0 GPA minimum; unofficial transcripts acceptable)*
Application letter *(one-page statement of interest describing the candidate's course of study, educational and career plans, previous/current volunteer or community work, and why the candidate should be selected for the award)*

***Note:** Please provide the application materials in one complete electronic document (Word or PDF).

Acceptable fields of study include:

Environmental/Civil Engineering
Environmental Health & Biology
Environmental Science/Studies
Environmental Sociology
Forestry/Soil/Crop Sciences
Hydrology
Watershed/Water Quality Sciences

Forum events and activities:

(Note: Must volunteer a minimum of 40 hours between October 1, 2018, and November 1, 2019, including the events listed below.)

Scholarship Welcome Breakfast (informal)	October 2018
BTWF Board of Directors Meeting	December 19, 2018 <i>(presentation of award)</i>
City of Loveland Spring Waterway Cleanup	April 2019 (date TBD)
Greeley Children's Water Festival	April 2019 (date TBD)
Loveland and Fort Collins Children's Water Festivals	May 2019 (dates TBD)
BTWF Watershed Conference	Date TBD
Office and Outreach Assistance	Dates TBD

Candidate should submit application packet materials electronically as one file via email or hardcopy by **September 16, 2018**, to Laurie Schmidt. The selected candidate, as determined by the Forum's scholarship committee, will be announced in late September.

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