

***Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources  
North Carolina State University***

***SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION***

**General Instructions:** The Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources (FER) at North Carolina State University has a long history of attracting and retaining outstanding students through its scholarship program. This program is funded through donations from alumni and friends and from timber sale receipts on Forestry Foundation properties. It operates independently from both the university-wide merit scholarship program and the various federal, state, and private programs. Each year the FER scholarship program provides funding to about sixty undergraduates. Be careful to read the information below and on the next page to apply for the most appropriate award and thereby maximize your chances of being selected for an award.

***You cannot receive a scholarship from FER until you have been accepted for admission to FER by the university.***

You may also want to apply for a separate award through the university-wide scholarship program. If so, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid in room 2016 Harris Hall at 919-515-2421.

*Students who have already completed a University Merit Awards application (for Park and Caldwell Scholarships) may but do not need to submit the attached application. The Merit Awards program will automatically provide the Scholarship Committee of FER with the necessary information.*

**General Eligibility Requirements:** To receive a scholarship from FER, you must be a full-time undergraduate student in the Department in one of the following majors: Environmental Sciences-Hydrology (ESH), Environmental Technology (ET), Forest Management (FOM), Natural Resources-Ecosystem Assessment (NRE), Natural Resources-Policy and Administration (NRP), or Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences (SFW or SFF). You must also meet or exceed the more-specific eligibility requirements noted below. The first major of double majors must be in FER.

**Types of Scholarships:** The Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources Scholarship Program provides four types of awards. A Standard Academic Scholarship is the primary scholarship awarded to most students, especially new students. Three types of more specialized scholarships are also available: Summer Camp Scholarships, Work-Study Scholarships, and Industrial Scholarships.

**About Academic Scholarships:** Four types of Academic Scholarships are available. Standard Academic Scholarships are competitively awarded largely on academic merit. Minimum standards for incoming high school graduates are a 3.5 grade point average (based on a 4-point scale) and a combined SAT score of 1150 on the math and verbal sections. Transfer and current students must have a total grade point average of at least 3.2 (on a 4-point scale). Academic Scholarships currently provide between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per year, although additional funding is sometimes available to out-of-state students. Academic scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years, provided the recipient does not change majors and makes superior progress towards a degree in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources.

***Most students, especially new students, are most competitive for a Standard Academic Scholarship, because all other scholarships are reserved for the specific situations noted below.***

Pinchot Scholars Academic Scholarships are awarded to students pursuing a double major. The first major must be offered by FER in the College of Natural Resources, and the second major must be offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. See Dr. Erin Sills if you are interested in this double-degree program.

The William R. Poole Scholarship of Distinction is a full-ride scholarship currently valued at \$11,400. As a full-ride scholarship, it also provides instate tuition to out-of-state students. The scholarship is available to Juniors with an NCSU total grade point average of 3.5 or better in FOM, NRE, NRP, or SFW. A personal interview is required as part of the application. The Scholarship Committee will contact Poole applicants to schedule an interview.

A limited number of Special Academic Scholarships is also available to other promising students who do not meet the above requirements. Special Scholarships are available to students whose academic record is not indicative of their true academic potential. Students who apply for a Special Scholarship must attach a letter explaining their special situation. If available, supporting evidence should be submitted along with the application. Special Scholarships are awarded for a limited period of time, usually one year, because all recipients are expected to be competitive for another award in 1-2 years.

Applications for academic awards are accepted at any time. New students who plan to begin their studies in the Fall Semester and would like to be considered for early selection should submit applications by February 1. Most of the funding for the following academic year is awarded in late May. Applications should be received by May 1 to be considered at this primary meeting. In addition, last-minute funding is usually available at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. To be considered for last-minute funding, applications should be received by the first day of the Fall or Spring semester. In all cases, all pending applications will be considered at each selection time.

**About Summer Camp Scholarships:** Summer Camp Scholarships are competitively awarded on academic merit to students attending Forestry or Wildlife Summer Camp. A grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) is required. Summer Camp Scholarships currently provide \$500 to \$1500 toward tuition and fees at either Forestry or Wildlife Summer Camp. The application deadline for summer camp scholarships is April 1.

**About Work-Study Scholarships:** Work-Study Scholarships are usually awarded to Juniors and Seniors in Forest Management or Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. They are competitively awarded on academic merit and knowledge of forest management, especially silviculture, mensuration, procurement, and wildlife management. A total grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) is required. Work-Study Scholarships provide \$3000 per year, but they require 167 hours of work each year on one of the college-owned forests. Recipients are paid biweekly at the rate of \$18 per hour until \$3000 has been earned. The application deadline for work-study scholarships is May 1.

**About Industrial Scholarships:** Industrial Scholarships are limited to Seniors in Forest Management with a strong interest in procurement forestry. A grade-point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) is required. Industrial Scholarships provide paid summer employment with the sponsoring company after the Junior year, and \$4000 for tuition during the Senior year. The selection process includes screening by both the Department and sponsoring company. The application deadline for industrial scholarships varies somewhat each year, but normally applications are due on February 1.

***Due Dates: Academic Awards . . . . . May 1***  
***Summer Camp Awards . . . . . April 1***  
***Work-Study Awards. . . . . May 1***  
***Industrial Awards. . . . . February 1***





5. Have you been employed during the school year or in summers? If yes, please list these jobs. If no, list your summer activities for the two previous summers.

6. On one side of a separate piece of paper, please cite a particular experience, person, or event that has had a significant impact upon your ideas, personal values, future goals, or professional aspirations. Explain why this factor was so influential. Your statement should provide the scholarship selection committee with insights about you as a person. Attach your answer to this application.

7. Special Academic Scholarship applicants only. If you are applying for a Special Academic Scholarship (see above "About Academic Scholarships"), attach your statement along with any supporting documentation.