



Alice & Bill Howenstine Scholarship Application
Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
2026 High School Scholarship

To be completed by applicant:

Name
Last, First, Middle Initial

Address
Street, City, State, ZIP

Phone Email

High School Date of Graduation

Date of Awards Assembly, if available In-Person Virtual

Volunteer hours in the area of environment/conservation only

Organization Approx. number of hours

Contact name for organization

Organization Approx. number of hours

Contact name for organization

Other community service/volunteer work

Organization

Organization

Grade Point Average

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Essay

Please write a 400 to 500-word essay describing your future goals and aspirations as they relate to the environment, conservation, social justice or a related field. The essay should be typed, single-spaced in 12-point font. Margins should be one inch on all sides. Please do not put your name on the essay.

Letter of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation must be included with your application. One letter must be from a high school teacher who has known you for at least one year. A second should be from an adult who has knowledge of your motivation, dedication and maturity. Please ask both to keep their letters of recommendation confidential by signing a sealed envelope prior to giving it to you.

General Requirements

Applicants must be McHenry County residents. Applicants must provide a recent high school transcript. Applicants cannot be a relative of an Environmental Defenders' board member or staff.

Deadline

Your completed application packet must arrive at the Environmental Defenders' office by Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

- Application Form
Transcript
Essay
Two Letters of Recommendation

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
114 S Jefferson Street, Woodstock, IL 60098
815-338-0393

Date of application Applicant's signature
Month/Day/Year