



Alice & Bill Howenstine Scholarship Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

2026 High School Scholarship

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County (EDMC), a dedicated advocate for environmental action and education, is excited to announce its upcoming scholarship.

Each year, the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County offers a scholarship of \$2,000 for up to three outstanding high school seniors planning to pursue college studies related to the fields of environment, conservation and sustainability.

The following criteria will be used to choose the winner of the scholarship:

- A resident of McHenry County
- Volunteer work in the areas of environment/conservation and related organizations/sponsors
- Two letters of recommendation, with one being from a high school teacher
- Recent high school transcript
- A formatted essay on student's goals and aspirations in regard to the environment and plans for future study
- Applicants cannot be a relative of an Environmental Defenders' board member or staff

A completed application packet—application form, transcript, essay, and two letters of recommendation— must be received at the Environmental Defenders' office, 114 S. Jefferson Street, Woodstock, IL 60098.

The application form can be found here: <https://mcdef.org/scholarship-and-internships/>
The deadline for application is April, 1st 2026.

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to preserving our natural areas and resources, protecting natural resources, and educating the local community and government as advocates for a healthy environment. We are membership-based and volunteer-driven, creating positive change and influencing sustainable action.