



### **The Downriver Project Environmental Scholarship**

Value: Up to 2 awards worth \$500 each

The inaugural Downriver Project Environmental Scholarship will support up to two Wakulla High students who plan to pursue an environmental career by majoring in a field related to science or government. Preference will be given to applicants who intend to use their studies to serve the people and ecosystems of Florida, including Wakulla Springs.

The Downriver Project—known for its Clean Water Wakulla initiative—is a local nonprofit focused on the protection of Wakulla’s waterways and fishing culture. The organization was established by Gil Damon and Landon Glover, both of whom graduated from Wakulla High in 2014. Damon is a science policy researcher for UC Berkeley, and Glover is a venture capital associate and law student at the University of Colorado.

**Please check the following boxes as appropriate. If all apply to you, you are eligible for this scholarship.**

- ☐ I will have a high school diploma or GED by June 30, 2023.
- ☐ I have an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher *OR* a weighted high school GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- ☐ I will be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours) at an accredited institution of higher learning full-time during the fall 2023 semester.
- ☐ I will major in a scientific or governmental field. Examples include but are not limited to: ecology, environmental science, environmental studies, biology, oceanography, marine sciences, political science, and international relations. If you plan to major in another field that investigates the relationship between people and natural resources, please explain in your essay.

#### **Application Process:**

1. Complete the application page below, including an essay, by **May 22, 2023**
2. If invited, complete a short Zoom interview before **May 29, 2023**
3. Scholarship announced by **Jun 1, 2023**

## APPLICATION PAGE

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, Unit/Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted & unweighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\*A copy of your transcript must be attached to this application.

### **Planned course of study:**

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Institution (community college or university): \_\_\_\_\_

***By signing below, I certify that all writing submitted is my own and was not aided by others or the use of AI. I further attest that the information provided is true and accurate.***

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Documents:**

1. Essay (250-500 words): Please explain (1) what motivates your interest in environmental protection, (2) how you have demonstrated this in your studies and community, and (3) how your education and career will support environmental stewardship. If applicable, please also explain how you will use your education to protect the waterways of Florida, including Wakulla Springs.
2. Please attach a copy of your current high school transcript (official or unofficial).
3. Please provide a short list of your work and extracurricular activities (e.g., sports teams, clubs, scouting), including any leadership roles.