

Pheasants Forever Chapter 680
John K. Baer Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: February 8, 2025



The 2025 PF Chapter 680 John K. Baer Memorial Scholarship is \$1,000 renewable for one year (\$2,000 total) presented to a High School Senior who is going to pursue Natural Resources as a degree area of study at any accredited College or University. The scholarship is managed by the Ozaukee/Washington County Pheasants Forever Chapter 680 and is made possible by donations and an annual fund raising banquet.

The scholarship will be presented in \$1,000 increments, during the second and fourth semesters. The student must maintain successful academic progress, proof of course work toward a Natural Resources degree, and be in good standing with the College or University to receive the full amount of the scholarship. Candidates may apply via mail October through February 8, 2025. Final selection will be made by February 13, 2025. The student will be notified by February 15, 2025 and award will be presented at the annual Ozaukee/Washington Pheasants Forever Chapter 680 banquet on March 1, 2025. The Ozaukee/Washington County Pheasants Forever Chapter will sponsor the winner and 2 guests to attend the annual banquet for special recognition.

2024-2025 Scholarship Requirements:

- Student must attend high school in Ozaukee or Washington County, Wisconsin.
- Minimum HS GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and submit a current HS transcript.
- Applicant must plan to declare a Natural Resources Major as a degree area of study at any accredited College or University of their choosing. Potential Majors include: Environmental Science; Ecology; Fishing and Fisheries; Natural Resources and Conservation; Wildlife, Fish, and Wildlands Science; Natural Resource Management and Policy; Biology; Water Resources; and Soil Science. Note: Not a complete list of majors.
- Applicant must maintain a minimum college GPA of 2.5 to receive the entire scholarship.
- Applicant must complete an essay of 500 words or less entitled ***“What does the future of land, wildlife and water resources look like, and what role will I play”***.
- Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation. One from an authority figure dealing directly with the applicant’s academic progress, and one personal from someone (non relative) with outdoors interests.

Selection Process:

- Applicants fill out and submit applications from October-February 10, 2025.
- Scholarship winner will be selected by February 13, 2025, and the winner will be notified
- Public Award will be made at the annual Ozaukee/Washington Pheasants Forever Chapter 680 banquet on March 1, 2025

Candidate Scoring

- 25% HS GPA
- 25% Essay question
- 25% Extra Curricular/Leadership activities related to the outdoors
- 25% Two letters of recommendation; one academic, one personal

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Award Process:

- The winner of the award will be notified shortly after the February selection date, and will be invited to accept the award at the annual banquet
- At the end of the recipient's first college semester, official GPA and 2nd semester courses must be submitted. Payment of \$1,000 will be sent directly to the financial office of the College or University.
- At the end of the recipient's third college semester, official GPA and 4th semester courses must be submitted. Payment of \$1,000 will be sent directly to the financial office of the College or University.

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