



FOR: School Counselor/Scholarship office

SUBJECT: Steve Harper Scholarship Application

DATE: February 4, 2010

Enclosed is an application form for a \$1,000 scholarship for Kansas high school seniors who will be attending a Kansas college and majoring in either a natural resources or photography curriculum.

Mr. Michael Pearce, Outdoor Writer for the Wichita Eagle, is the Chairman of the Steve Harper Scholarship Committee. He can be reached at 316-268-6382. The Kansas Wildscape Foundation is assisting the committee in administering the fund. If you would like to contact us, we can be reached at 785-843-9453.

KANSAS WILDSCAPE FOUNDATION

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STEVE HARPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

One of the best-known Kansans of recent times, Steve Harper left his mark on Kansas with photographs and words. During his 25-year career, he was a photojournalism instructor at Wichita State University, The Wichita Eagle's photography editor and eventually the newspaper's outdoor writer and photographer.

Steve's trademark works were photographs and articles working together on the natural beauty of Kansas. His series in the Eagle on Kansas day trips led to the publication of his popular book, "83,000 square Miles, No Lines, No Waiting." His outdoor page was several times voted the best of its kind in the nation.

Sadly, Steve died of cancer on February 6, 2000, at the age of 55 in the same Newton house where he'd grown up and raised three daughters.

This scholarship was started at the suggestion of Governor Bill Graves, among others, as a way to honor Harper's dedication to Kansans and serving the Kansas outdoors.

As Steve would have wished, it's presented to Kansas youth pursuing natural resources or photography careers at Kansas colleges, with Kansas-based career goals.

An excellent judge of character, Steve put as much stock in a person's initiative and accomplishments as well as academic awards. The scholarship committee will give equal consideration to all three qualifications.

Eligibility

Available to

- A. Any graduating senior enrolled in a Kansas high school that plans to attend a four-year college or university in the state of Kansas and study photography or natural resources curriculum.
- B. University students enrolled in photography or a natural resources curriculum.

Scholarship award recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, or sex. Applicant chosen as the recipient of this scholarship will be required to show proof of full time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) in order to receive the scholarship funds.

Evaluation Criteria

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of past or current involvement in the natural resources or photography area, strength of application, academic performance and financial need. .

Applications

Applications for the scholarship are available at Kansas's high schools on or before March 1 of each year. The completed application and supporting documents must be returned to on or before April 15 to the following address:

Kansas Wildscape Foundation
Attn: Steve Harper Scholarship
2500 W. 6th St., Suite G
Lawrence, KS 66049

Directions

Applications must be typed or written neatly in ink. A letter of recommendation must accompany this application. The letter of recommendation may be from a teacher, counselor, coach or employer. Photographers should also include three published examples of their work.

Awards

The Steve Harper Scholarship Committee will award the \$1,000 scholarship, which is for one year and is a non-renewable award. If in the opinion of the selection committee, there are no qualified applicants, funds will be retained and will be used in subsequent years.

Steve Harper Scholarship Application (Part One)

Name of applicant _____

Directions:

1. Type or write your information in black ink.
2. Return application forms to the Kansas Wildscape Foundation on or before April 15. **The student must include a recommendation letter with the application form or the application will not be considered.**
3. **The Student Services Office will complete this section.**
 - a. Student's Cumulative GPA _____
 - b. Class Rank _____ Size of Class _____
4. I give my permission for the release of this application, my transcript, GPA, and Class Rank to the scholarship committee.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Steve Harper Scholarship Application (Part Two)

Name of Applicant _____

1. List important school honors, awards, offices held, etc., beginning with grade 10 to present.
2. List important out-of-school honors, awards, offices held, community service projects, etc. beginning with grade 10 to present.
3. Outline your past experience in either photography or natural resources activities. Include your reasons for desiring to pursue your curriculum of study and your plans for using the education after your graduation from college.
4. List your parents'/guardian's present address. If parents are separated/divorced, list address for the one where you reside
5. List summer and/or part-time jobs you have held, beginning with grade 10 to the present. Indicate length of time each job was held.
6. Write a brief statement about your desire to continue your education (approximately 50 words or less – continue on back if necessary).

7. Write a brief statement explaining your financial need for this scholarship; include any unusual circumstances.

8. Name the post secondary school you plan to attend next year. If you are considering more than one school, please rank them—list first choice first.

9. Have you presently received word of any financial award (scholarship, college work-study, grant, loan, etc.) you will receive next year?

10. Why do you wish scholarship aid from the Steve Harper Scholarship Fund?

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

