

## LAKE OF THE OZARKS MASTER NATURALIST

**MISSION STATEMENT OF MISSOURI MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM:** *To engage Missourians in the stewardship of our state's natural resources through science-based education and community service.*

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA – 2021

**Scholarship Eligibility:** The Ideal Applicants will:

- Have met the High School Graduation requirements for 2021 in Camden, Laclede, Miller, Morgan County OR currently reside in one of the counties.
- Be interested in pursuing a career **DIRECTLY RELATED TO** natural resources, conservation, or natural resource management.
- Have been accepted as a Full-Time or Part-Time Undergraduate or Graduate college student majoring in a field of study related to conservation, natural resources or natural resource management, including, but not limited to fields of study such as forestry, wildlife management, biology, zoology, fisheries, or parks and recreation.
- Have at least one year of study remaining before degree completion.

**Scholarship Amount:** Two (2) scholarships are available, each valued at \$1500 with \$750 being paid per semester for each of the Fall Semester and the Spring Semester. **Proof of continued enrollment will be required before the second semester's award will be disbursed.**

Scholarship funds may be used to cover the cost of books, tuition, and/or fees in support of the recipient's chosen field of study.

**Scholarship Application:** Utilize the Scholarship Application – 2021 to apply. Applications will be accepted through March 15, 2021. An electronic version of the application may be found at:  
<http://lakeozarksmasternaturalists.com>.

**Scholarship Distribution:** Funds will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient. A copy of the candidate's current college enrollment/acceptance will be required prior to payment distribution for both the Fall and Spring Semesters.

**Scholarship Award Notification:** Recipients will be notified on or before April 5, 2021 and will be asked to be present for a Lake of the Ozarks Missouri Master Naturalist chapter meeting July 8, 2021. Funds for the first semester will be available no sooner than July 8, 2021.

### Return Completed Application to:

Terri Thompson, MDC, 783 Thunder Mountain Road, Camdenton, MO 65020. Electronic documents may be submitted via e-mail to [terri.thompson@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:terri.thompson@mdc.mo.gov) NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2021.