



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center The William and Shirley Snider Family Scholarship

Each year, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center (the Center) makes available two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors or the equivalent who have performed at least 50 hours of volunteer service at the Center during the previous calendar year. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and must be accepted at any accredited college, university or vocational school to pursue a course of study that would contribute to and further the mission of the Center.

Scholarship requirements:

- Graduating high school senior
- Performed at least 50 hours of volunteer service at the Center during the previous year
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Acceptance to an institution of higher education: college, university, or vocation school.

Applications will be accepted year round. Scholarships will be awarded once a year provided suitable recipients are found. A committee comprised of Snider Family members, Center staff and volunteers will review all applications. Recipients will be notified within two weeks after the decision has been made. A check will be issued directly to the academic institution.

To apply for the Snider Family Scholarship, please submit the following information in a separate typed document along with the requested items **no later than April 30, 2020** to:

Executive Director
Attn: Snider Family Scholarship
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
28728 Wolf Road
Bay Village, OH 44140

1. Provide name, address, telephone number and e-mail
2. Number of hours volunteered for the most recent full calendar year (January-December)
3. Department in which you volunteer and name of your Center staff supervisor
4. Academic institution attending this fall and intended course of study
5. Describe your responsibilities while volunteering at the Center
6. In a brief paragraph, give an example of how you have supported the mission of the Center, and discuss how your intended program will help support the mission in your everyday life. *“The nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate and take responsibility for our natural world.”*
7. (Optional) Briefly share a favorite memory you have had while volunteering at the Center
8. Copy of current school report card
9. Copy of letter of acceptance to the academic institution you will be attending this fall
10. Scholarship reference form completed by your Center staff supervisor

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt.

Background: Shirley Snider, a friend of Elberta “Bert” Fleming in the early 1950s, was instrumental in creating community support for Bert’s idea of an educational nature center for children. Shirley’s husband Bill did consulting work from home for a year, enabling him to watch their three children while she worked closely with Bert to create the “Junior Museum,” which has now become Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Shirley’s daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mike Clark, continue to support the Center by funding this scholarship.



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Scholarship Reference Form: To be completed by Center Staff Supervisor.

Applicant Name: _____

Please rate these categories below, which pertain to your knowledge of this applicant:

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	Not applicable
Capacity to learn from experience					
Patience					
Judgment					
Initiative					
Responsibility/Loyalty					
Leadership					
Appearance/manners					
Ability to accept criticism					
Ability to accept/give supervision					
Acceptance by peers					
Ability to function in a group					
Ability to function one-on-one					
Rapport with children					
Rapport with adults					
Ability to work with the disabled					

Briefly describe the applicant's responsibilities: _____

Describe this applicant's abilities and character:

Signature of Staff Supervisor: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____