

Florida Outdoor Writers Association (FOWA) Scholarship



About

The Florida Outdoor Writers Association (FOWA) Scholarship for Outdoor Communicators, a joint program of FOWA (<https://www.fowa.org>) and the Florida Sea Grant College Program (<https://www.flseagrant.org>), recognizes students at Florida universities whose career goals are to communicate to the public a love and appreciation for the outdoor experience, including fishing, hunting and other interests related to the outdoors. FOWA scholarships are intended to support students considering careers in writing, photography or digital media related to the outdoors.

Up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to winners, in addition to a one-year membership to FOWA, whose statewide network of outdoor communicators reports and reflects upon Florida's diverse interests in the outdoors in order to educate the public about protecting and conserving its natural heritage.

The FOWA Scholarship has provided \$34,000 in financial support to 34 students at 10 different Florida universities.

Scholarship Eligibility & Selection

Eligibility Information:

The FOWA Scholarship for Outdoor Communicators is eligible to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled full-time at Florida institutions of higher education, or to any student whose application is endorsed by a FOWA member or a faculty advisor. Preference will be given to journalism and communications majors.

Application Requirements:

Applications must be filled out at <https://flseagrant.ifas.ufl.edu> by creating an account and selecting the "Florida Outdoor Writers Association (FOWA) Scholarship". Applications will be evaluated based on the points below. Complete application packets include:

1. | A completed online application, 5 points

2. | A personal essay (500-750 words) that expresses the applicant's appreciation for the outdoor experience, 50 points

3. | A current resume or CV (pdf), 20 points
a. | Supporting materials (e.g. links to published articles, YouTube videos, or websites that the applicants would like to include for reviewer's consideration) can be added as links to the CV

4. | A letter of recommendation or endorsement (pdf), 25 points

Selection of Finalists:

All application materials will be reviewed by a Florida Sea Grant designated review panel. The reviewers select finalists for advancement to FOWA who will then select and announce winners in August.

Awardees will be presented with the award at the Annual FOWA Conference E.I.C Banquet.

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