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Muter Outdoor Fund Announces 2022 John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship Recipients

The Muter Outdoor Fund is pleased to announce its fifth annual cohort of John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship recipients. The scholarship program, launched in 2018, recognizes college undergraduates who are committed to engaging new audiences and new generations with Michigan's natural resources and rich outdoor heritage. The program was established in memory of the late John Muter, an avid Michigan sportsman, who passed away in 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

The five winners were selected from a highly-qualified pool of 19 applicants, representing 12 Michigan colleges and universities. Recipients were selected based on their clear passion for Michigan and its outdoor opportunities as well as their demonstrated commitment of introducing others to those opportunities, such as fishing, hunting, camping, boating and wildlife watching. The winners each received a \$1,000 scholarship to support their 2022-2023 academic expenses.

Our five winners for 2022 include:



Taylor Gross

Oakley, Michigan • Lake Superior State University

Taylor just started her junior year at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) where she is majoring in fisheries and wildlife management. She previously studied at Mott Community College where she earned an Associate in Science degree and played on the softball team. Outside of school, Taylor has worked at the Detour Marina State Harbor and at the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Wildlife Disease Lab. She also served on the DNR Youth Conservation Council to engage Michigan youth with the outdoors. After graduating from LSSU, Taylor plans to work in a fish hatchery.

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Jersey Hoover

Hancock, Michigan • Northern Michigan University

Jersey is a third-year student at Northern Michigan University where she majors in Criminal Justice with a minor in Wildlife Conservation Law and Policing. Jersey previously studied at Gogebic Community College and worked for Michigan State Parks in Copper Harbor. She credits her interest in conservation to growing up in the Upper Peninsula and from hunting with her father. Upon graduation, Jersey plans to attend the Michigan Conservation Officer Training Academy and join the state as a conservation officer.



Viktoria Huber

Au Gres, Michigan • Central Michigan University

Viktoria is a junior at Central Michigan University (CMU) majoring in Biology with a focus on Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation. She has interned and worked for DOW, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Affiliated Researchers, United States Gypsum, and Tawas Point State Park. At CMU, she volunteers at the Botanical Greenhouse and enjoys caring for the wide range of aquatic, arid, and tropical plants. Viktoria's passion has driven her to become a wetland scientist or soil conservationist so she can improve water quality, manage wetlands, and bring awareness to effective conservation techniques.



Taryn Indish

Williamsburg, Michigan • Northwestern Michigan College

Taryn is currently finishing her Associates in Science and Arts with a focus in Freshwater Studies at Northwestern Michigan College. Taryn frequently volunteers with local conservation districts to help with restoration efforts of streams and land. Taryn also helped revive the Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) Green Team, a student club focusing on engaging students in environmental activism and recreation. Once graduating, Taryn plans to work in the Environmental Policy field while volunteering her time to local nonprofits and continuing her voice in environmental activism.

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Maisie Wiler

Zeeland, Michigan • Grand Valley State University

Maisie is a senior at Grand Valley State University, where she is studying Natural Resources Management and is minoring in Biology. Her hobbies include hiking, cycling, rock collecting, and photography. Maisie is a part of the GVSU Farm Club and serves on its Executive Board as Workshop Coordinator. She is passionate about advancing sustainability in agriculture and is fascinated by the interactions of people, plants, and land. She plans to attain her master's degree in Teaching or Education and plans to become an elementary school teacher. Maisie is also the first two-time recipient of the John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship.

About the Muter Outdoor Fund

The Muter Outdoor Fund is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established to provide scholarships, grants, and programs that promote outdoor recreation and celebrate Michigan's natural resources and rich outdoor heritage. Its first program, the John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship, recognizes college undergraduates who, like John, have demonstrated their commitment to introducing new audiences to fishing, hunting, and other forms of outdoor recreation in Michigan. Since its inception in 2018, the Muter Outdoor Fund has awarded \$18,500 in scholarships to undergraduate students in Michigan. The application for the 2023 scholarship is now available at www.muteroutdoorfund.org. The Muter Outdoor Fund has also helped support the Saginaw Bay Nature Festival spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Pinconning and Standish since 2019.

To learn more about the Muter Outdoor Fund and how you can support their scholarship program, please visit their website www.muteroutdoorfund.org or e-mail at muteroutdoorfund@gmail.com.

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