



John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship

2026 Application & Instructions

Background

The John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the late John Muter, an avid Michigan sportsman, who passed away in 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. John loved to hunt, fish, camp and share his outdoor experiences with family, family and others. John was always taking new hunters and anglers under his wing, passing on his knowledge and enthusiasm as he introduced them to his favorite pastimes around the Great Lakes State.

This award will recognize college sophomores and juniors who have **demonstrated a commitment to engaging new audiences and/or new generations with Michigan's natural resources and rich outdoor heritage**, including but not limited to fishing, hunting, camping, boating, and wildlife watching.

We expect to award several \$1,000 scholarships in 2026. Awards are to be applied to the 2026-2027 academic year and must be used for tuition, books, and other academic expenses. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student's college or university once they are verified to be in good standing.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee in May 2026. The Selection Committee may request telephone interviews with finalists. Award recipients will be notified in June 2026.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Applicants must currently have sophomore or junior status at a college or university within the state of Michigan and must be enrolled as a full-time student in fall 2026.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate their commitment to engaging new audiences and/or new generations with Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.
- Students from any major may apply; however, the Selection Committee will give preference to those who are able to demonstrate how their academic background helps them to engage new audiences with the outdoors.

To Apply

E-mail your completed application [found on the following pages] and a current resume to muteroutdoorfund@gmail.com.

DEADLINE: 5 p.m. EST on April 30, 2026



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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	
CURRENT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PERMANENT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
BEST E-MAIL ADDRESS	BEST PHONE		

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

CURRENT SCHOOL	CURRENT STATUS	EXPECTED GRAD [MO/YR]
MAJOR(S)	MINOR(S)	

REFERENCES:

Please provide contact information for 2 references who can speak to your commitment to engaging new audiences and new generations with the outdoors in Michigan.

REFERENCE 1 NAME	POSITION / TITLE
BEST E-MAIL ADDRESS	BEST PHONE
REFERENCE 2 NAME	POSITION / TITLE
BEST E-MAIL ADDRESS	BEST PHONE

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

What does Michigan's outdoor heritage mean to you?

[≤ 150 WORDS]

Tell us how you have engaged new audiences and/or new generations with the outdoors in Michigan? Who was the audience? What did you do? What did you learn from the experience?

[≤ 250 WORDS]

Describe your career goals. How will your academic studies help you achieve those goals?

[≤ 100 WORDS]

Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to know?

[≤ 100 WORDS]

How did you hear about the John A. Muter Memorial Scholarship?
