



Ohio Young Birders Club – Northeast Chapter Thomas Coltman Memorial Scholarship Application Form



Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Thomas Coltman Memorial Scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are interested in the study of natural science including birds and conservation, to attend classes, conferences, camps and programs. This effort supports the Ohio Young Birders Club purpose which is to encourage, educate, and empower our youth conservation leaders.

1. Membership in the Ohio Young Birders Club – Northeast Chapter is a requirement to be eligible to apply.
2. Applicants should have an interest in the study of birds or some other facet of natural history, including conservation. Active participation in OYBC NE Chapter will be considered evidence of such interest.
3. An application form is available on the Ohio Young Birders Club website under the Scholarships tab at www.ohioyoungbirders.org or by contacting Laura Guerard, lauraguerard@bsbo.org, and the form must be filled out completely. If you are less than eighteen years old, a parent or guardian must sign the application.

The following must be submitted with the application:

- **An essay providing the reason for the request and why this experience is important to the applicant**
- **A letter of recommendation from an adult who has knowledge of your interests and activities**

4. Applications for financial support can be submitted at any time. The scholarship committee will review applications as they come in. Applicants will receive notification of their application status within 30 days of the date their application was received.

5. The recipient of The Thomas Coltman Memorial Scholarships shall prepare a brief description of the activity for which the award was given for publication in the OYBC Golden-wings newsletter. This description should be submitted within two months following the activity. A short presentation to the chapter members on the experience will also be required at the chapter's planning meeting.

6. Send your application, essay and letter of recommendation to:

Black Swamp Bird Observatory
c/o Laura Guerard
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Oak Harbor, OH 43449