**2016-17 WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS FOUNDATON**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

The Washington State Society of American Foresters (WSSAF) is accepting scholarship applications from students pursuing an education in Forestry. The scholarship is available to individuals who will be attending, full time during the 2016–2017 school year, a Forestry Program at one of the following schools:

* University of Washington, Seattle
* Washington State University, Pullman
* Green River Community College
* Spokane Community College
* Grays Harbor College
* Washington State residents attending an SAF-accredited program (outside of Washington State) in professional forestry or forest technology

The application must be sponsored by a member of SAF.

The successful applicant(s) will be awarded a minimum of $1,000 and a complimentary Student Membership to SAF for one year. To receive payment the successful applicant will be required to submit an enrollment verification form to WSSAF.

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Founded in 1900 by Gifford Pinchot, it is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society. SAF is a nonprofit organization meeting the requirements of 501 (c) (3). SAF members include natural resource professionals in public and private settings, researchers, CEOs, administrators, educators, and students.

Complete the application form (below) along with the additional requested documents and email to: **Lori Rasor** [**rasor@safnwo.org**](file:///C:\Users\bare\Downloads\rasor@safnwo.org)to arrive no later than **March 1, 2016**. A receipt of application will be sent by March 15, 2016. The successful applicant will be notified in early April.

Additional copies of the application form are available on the [Washington State Society of American Foresters](http://www.forestry.org/washington/education/foundation/) website. **For questions contact Dave Cass** [davecass@uw.edu](mailto:davecass@uw.edu)

**2016-17 WSSAF FOUNDATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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| Applicant Name: | | | | Date: | |
| Address: | | City/State/Zip: | | | |
| E-Mail Address: | | |  | | |
| Daytime Phone: |  |  | | |  |

1. Name, address and program of the college or university you plan to attend or are attending:

Name:

Address:

Program:

Major:       Student ID (if available):

Have you contacted this school’s representative about your desired program? Yes  No

Have you been accepted? Yes  No

Are you a Student SAF Member Yes  No

1. Name and telephone number of a SAF member (Professional, Conditional, Associate, or Technician) sponsoring your application:

Any current member of SAF is eligible to sponsor your scholarship application. You are encouraged to contact SAF ([www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org) or [www.forestry.org](http://www.forestry.org) ) for information regarding local member contacts.

1. Provide a one page letter of reference from an individual (can be the same person identified in Item 2) that can comment on your potential for success in the profession of forestry.
2. Provide a copy of your college transcripts (or high school GPA and relevant forestry coursework if you are applying as a college freshman).
3. While this scholarship is not exclusively need based, financial need is considered. Please answer the following questions:

Please explain any extenuating circumstances (financial or other), that have inhibited your educational progress (no more than one page).

Have you filed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

Yes  No

If yes, do you have unmet financial need? Yes  No

Do you give us permission to contact your educational institution to verify your need? Yes  No

1. Provide a 2-5 page essay that describes in detail a personal statement about your plans and goals related to a career in Forestry. Describe your experiences and involvement in areas in which you have exhibited Leadership, Community Involvement, Personal Development, and Initiative and how these experiences will help you achieve your career in Forestry.

**By submitting this application, I hereby certify that the above and attached statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**