

# NAPA-SOLANO AUDUBON 2023 SCHOLARSHIP

## WHAT IS NAPA-SOLANO AUDUBON SOCIETY

Napa-Solano Audubon Society is a non-profit conservation group committed to monitoring local bird populations and preserving local biodiversity. As an active chapter of National Audubon Society primarily serving the communities of Napa and Solano counties, we provide citizen science projects to support our conservation work and offer educational opportunities for families, youth groups, and schools to increase awareness of the importance of natural habitats and the birds that depend upon them.

## PURPOSE

This scholarship provides a monetary award of **\$2,000.00** for one year to a graduating high school student or Community College student in both Napa and Solano Counties who shows a commitment to communicate a love of nature and the need to practice conservation. Our goal is to award two scholarships in 2023, one in Napa County and one in Solano County.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for application requires the following:

- Applicants must be a graduating senior at a Napa or Solano County high school who will begin studies at a Community College or a four-year college or a Community College student who is transitioning to a four-year school in the field of environmental studies, conservation, or another related field.
- Students pursuing degrees in environmental science/studies, natural resource management, forestry, ornithology, wildlife and fisheries, conservation biology, parks and recreation, environmental law/public policy, or other related fields are encouraged to apply.
- The recipients must be accepted and registered at a post-secondary educational institution before receiving their award. Upon enrollment in the college of their choice, the awards will be mailed to the recipients.
- Applicant must demonstrate a clear interest in pursuing educational career goals related to the environment or conservation. Evidence of this may be found in course work taken, volunteer work done in appropriate areas, possible employment in related areas, membership, or participation in appropriate organizations and (in some cases) the length of time the person has been involved in the area.
- Additional consideration will be given to applicants who have a demonstrated interest or participation in Audubon Society activities, related volunteer activities, and a desire to support bird conservation through coursework and career goals.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A completed application should include the following:

- The completed application form on [bit.ly/NSAS-Scholarship](https://bit.ly/NSAS-Scholarship)
- One-page essay (up to 800 words) describing your interest in nature, the environment and conservation and how it influences your future personal and career goals
- Transcripts of all schoolwork completed to date
- Two letters of reference (non-family members only)
- Applications must be completed by **April 30, 2023**. For any questions, contact [scholarship@napasolanoaudubon.com](mailto:scholarship@napasolanoaudubon.com).

Applicants will be notified by mail after scholarship recipients have been selected in mid-May. Funds will be distributed to the recipients upon enrollment for the Fall 2023 semester.