



## The PAEP Maurice Goddard Scholarship

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE JUNIOR/SENIOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) is pleased to announce its 2023 scholarship program. Interested students should complete the attached application and return it to Kristin Aiosa, Student & Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at [kaiosa@jmt.com](mailto:kaiosa@jmt.com).

**Note:** Applications must be emailed by **May 30, 2023** to be considered for the 2023 Scholarship Award.

#### 1) AMOUNT AND SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 is awarded to a current full-time undergraduate student in their Junior or Senior Year (as determined by the College or University) during the Spring 2023 Semester. Applicants must be pursuing studies in environmental science, or a related major, at a two-year or four-year institution in Pennsylvania with the intention of working in the environmental science field. The scholarship honors the dedication and excellence during one's education.

#### 2) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- a. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have permanent resident status.
- b. The applicant must be enrolled full-time in a two-year or four-year college or university in Pennsylvania leading to a degree in environmental science or related field and planning to pursue a career in environmental science.
- c. The applicant is eligible to receive a PAEP scholarship only one time.
- d. The applicant must submit copies of college transcripts. Unofficial transcripts will be acceptable.
- e. If selected, the recipient is encouraged to attend the 2023 Annual PAEP Conference to receive recognition for their award in person. PAEP's 2023 Annual Conference, Communities, Corridors & Connections Conference (C4), is scheduled for September 20-22, 2023 at the Wyndham Garden, State College, PA.

#### 3) EVALUATION: Each applicant will be evaluated on a point-count system as described below:

- a. Performance Factors, 15 points maximum as follows:  
Students will be rated on their cumulative grade point average at the time they apply for the scholarship. The number of science courses completed will also be considered.
- b. Evaluation of Applicant, 45 points (55 points maximum including bonus points) as follows:
  - Evaluation of the applicant's activities and honors, work experience, leadership positions, volunteerism, and distinguishing qualifications (30 points maximum).
  - Evaluation of career goals, based on content, clarity of ambitions, grammar, spelling and neatness (15 points maximum).
  - Dependent of a current member of PAEP (5 point bonus). Current student member of PAEP (5 point bonus). **Please note that new student members are eligible for FREE membership.**

- c. Science Faculty Evaluation, 15 points maximum as follows:

One of the student's science professors should provide an objective evaluation regarding academics and character on the enclosed "Science Faculty Recommendation Form". This form can be emailed separate from the Student's Application.

#### 4) INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM

- Be as complete as possible while filling out this application. Each portion of the application has a specific point value. Judges will score each section separately. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.
- Forms must be typed or neatly printed. Points may be lost for poor grammar, incorrect spelling, illegibility, or lack of neatness. Proofread carefully.
- All Scholarship Applications and instructions can be found on the PAEP website (<https://www.paep.org/>).

#### 5) STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Each student is eligible to receive a FREE student membership to PAEP when they submit a membership form. The membership form can be found on the PAEP website (<https://www.paep.org/membership-account/membership-levels/>). Please complete the form and submit it with your scholarship application. Although completion of the membership form is not required, 5 bonus points are given to all students who become student members.

Questions may be directed to Kristin Aiosa, Student & Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at [kaiosa@jmt.com](mailto:kaiosa@jmt.com).

*In 2013, the PAEP membership elected to name this scholarship after Maurice K. Goddard.*

Maurice K. Goddard spoke up for conservation in Pennsylvania. He is considered to be the 'Patriarch of Pennsylvania State Parks', was known for his blunt, no-nonsense style and served under five Pennsylvania governors as Secretary of Forests and Waters and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources (1955-1979). He spent an unprecedented 24 years as a cabinet officer, realizing his vision of a park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian. Only six of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are without a state park. During his tenure, Goddard added 45 parks and 130,000 acres of park land, gaining national recognition for Pennsylvania's state park system. His legacy as a public servant includes:

- A commitment to professionalism and civil service
- A state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian
- A watershed-scale approach to water management
- Dedicated funding for natural resource conservation—
  - the Oil and Gas Fund, Project 70 and Project 500 bond initiatives
- A profound influence on national conservation policy
- Instrumental in the formation of the Delaware River Basin Commission and Susquehanna River Basin Commission



To learn more about Maurice K. Goddard, as well as other Pennsylvania Conservation Leaders, please visit the Pennsylvania Conservation Heritage Project website: <http://paconservationheritage.org/> (PAEP is one of many organizations partnering with the PA Conservation Heritage Project!)