

## **THE TRAIL BLAZERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2023**

### **Background:**

The Trail Blazers is a volunteer organization that contributes its time, energy and knowledge toward helping the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to enhance recreational alpine fishing. Members participate in a variety of studies, conservation and wilderness protection activities, camp cleanups, stream restoration and trail maintenance, but the fish stocking and surveying activities have given the Trail Blazers their focus that has endured since 1933.

The Trail Blazers, Inc. are pleased to assist students studying and especially those who seek a career that will enhance the management of wilderness, natural resources and fisheries science in Washington State's mountains.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for consideration, students must complete the attached application form and submit it along with the attachments requested. Applications will be reviewed May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Selection:**

Applicants will be judged on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, integrity, and other personal achievements. Please describe how your interests align with our mission of enjoying and enhancing recreational alpine fishing. Applicants must indicate academic interest in Washington's high country. Preference will be given to those demonstrating how their studies relate to streams, rivers or lakes and especially those pursuing careers related to this part of the environment. (Examples: forester, fisheries scientist, geologist, wildlife biologist, botanist, or wilderness recreation specialist.) While students do not always know for certain where their professional careers will begin, the applicant should provide some detail as to their inclination for working in Washington State.

### **Awards:**

Qualified student(s) may be selected to receive up a one-time scholarship of up to \$2500.

Applications are available at the Trail Blazers website: [www.watrailblazers.org](http://www.watrailblazers.org). Email questions and completed application materials to [rhinodunne@gmail.com](mailto:rhinodunne@gmail.com) and include "Trail Blazers Scholarship" in the subject line.

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To be considered, a student must have submitted a complete application packet. All applications will be reviewed by the selection committee only and are confidential.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following with your application:

1. Complete application form
2. Current transcript
3. Current resume
4. Two letters of recommendation from a sponsor or staff member of the student's current school
5. A typed double-spaced personal essay. The essay should include a description of the student's community or outdoor service, interests, professional goals and the area of study being pursued. It should also contain a discussion of the student's outdoor activities, and a statement on why he/she is worthy of this award.