



THE RIPPLE EFFECT SCHOLARSHIP & INTERNSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

WLI offers three types of scholarships to qualified students. Appropriate courses of study for consideration in the scholarship program include: biology, ecology, environmental science/studies, hydrology, or other fields related to water quality as approved by WLI staff. To qualify, students must also have a 3.0 minimum grade point average.

Scholarship & Internship Applicant Responsibilities

In addition to completing a Scholarship Application Form, students must submit:

- A letter of recommendation from an instructor familiar with your work,
- A 300-500 word essay describing your “watershed ethic.” In short, what is your philosophy regarding human activities that affect water quality in the Whitefish Lake Watershed? How does your watershed ethic make you a good steward of water resources in the Whitefish Lake Watershed?

Students who are awarded a scholarship will be required to attend a WLI Board Meeting to present your educational goals.

Interns are also required to write and deliver electronically a short article for WLI’s *LakeFront* newsletter reflecting on the internship experience. Articles are due by August 1st following or during the internship.

Deadlines

- Completed applications and attached documentation for **Summer Internship** must be postmarked by **March 15th** and delivered to the Whitefish Lake Institute to be considered.
- Completed applications and attached documentation for the **College Scholarship** must be postmarked by **April 15th** and delivered to the Whitefish Lake Institute to be considered.

All scholarship recipients will be required to complete and submit to WLI by **September 1st** a Scholarship Recipient Form requiring your Social Security Number (for proper accounting and tax records), the full name and mailing address for the college you’ll be attending, and the semester in which funds will be used. Funds will be sent directly to the college.

Important Dates

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| March 15th | Completed Summer Internship Application with Required Materials Postmarked for delivery to WLI |
| April 1st | Internship awarded |
| April 15th | Completed College Scholarship Application with Required Materials Postmarked for delivery to WLI |
| May 1st | Scholarships awarded |
| September 1st | Scholarship Recipient Form Postmarked for delivery to WLI (Student will receive form upon being awarded scholarship). |



Print, Complete & Mail

OR

Print, Complete, Scan & email

THE RIPPLE EFFECT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Check Type of Application Below

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENTERING 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

WLI INTERNSHIP

GRADUATE THESIS OR DISSERTATION

FULL NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

HIGH SCHOOL WHERE CURRENTLY ENROLLED: _____

COLLEGE WHERE ENROLLED: _____

ANTICIPATED MAJOR: _____

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

COLLEGE WHERE CURRENTLY ENROLLED: _____

COURSE OF STUDY: _____

GRADUATE THESIS: _____

ATTACHMENTS

- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
- WATERSHED ETHIC ESSAY

Submit Application and Attachments to:

Whitefish Lake Institute
Ripple Effect Applications
550 E. 1st St. #103
Whitefish, MT 59937

OR:

Info@whitefishlake.org
Subject: Ripple Effect Application

I certify that my Scholarship Application Form is complete, the required documents are attached, and that my essay is my original work. If selected for a scholarship, I understand that my name, location, GPA, course of study, and photo may be used in a public relations announcement from the Whitefish Lake Institute.

Signature: _____ Date: _____