

OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INC.

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OWAA Bodie McDowell Scholarship Application - 2018

Applicants must be students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate college or university program.
Application deadline is March 1, 2018. Return completed application with all required items – see cover letter.

Name (last/first/middle) _____

Permanent address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email address _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____ Gender _____

Present College or University _____

Class in 2018-19 School Year (check one): Undergraduate _____ Master's Candidate _____

Current GPA _____ Major Field(s) of Study _____

Outdoor Communication Experience – List and describe your current and past experience as an outdoor Communicator. (Attach sheets if necessary)

List your outdoor activities and explain your involvement (attach sheets if necessary) _____

What other activities do you enjoy? What volunteer experience have you had? (Attach sheets if necessary)

(Optional) Names, Occupations and Address of References _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Outdoor Writers Association of America Inc. (OWAA) sponsors a Bodie McDowell Scholarship program for tomorrow's communicators. OWAA is interested in rewarding outstanding undergraduate and graduate students who are involved in and preparing to devote a substantial amount of their life's work in outdoor writing, radio and television, wildlife photography, art, lecturing or video and film making. Ideal candidates are talented communicators with outdoor interests who can demonstrate a record of accomplishment in and commitment to the fields of outdoor communications.

Judges look for applicants with talent, promise and firsthand outdoor knowledge. Applications are rated on clarity, organization and originality. Grade-point average is also considered.

Many past scholarship winners have become well-known professionals, including the first recipient who became an OWAA president.

Scholarship awardees receive a complimentary one-year student membership in OWAA.

CRITERIA:

- 1.) The scholarship is open to **qualified undergraduate or graduate students**. The scholarship program is open to all college students, undergraduate and graduate, from all disciplines and all schools.
- 2.) There is no limit to the number of candidates that can apply from one college or university.
- 3.) Each candidate should have clear, significant goals in outdoor communications, demonstrated by submission to OWAA of printed, film or taped material, job history, course orientation or other evidence of good faith. Outdoor communication broadly includes print, film and tape media, as well as outdoor art. The application must include:
 - a) OWAA application form properly completed.
 - b) Recommendation from a faculty advisor, professor or school administrator.
 - c) Grade transcript.
 - d) Examples of outdoor communication work.
 - e) A one- to two-page statement by the nominee that details career goals.
 - f) Optional letters of recommendation from outdoor communicators or employers familiar with applicant's work.

IMPORTANT: We have 5 judges, so **make sure your submission is simple, easily duplicated or photocopied**. An example of a submission that will not be duplicated: mounted and/or framed artwork or submissions that can't be viewed by judges using ordinary DVD players or Windows-based computers.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

You can submit your application and supplemental materials in hardcopy or digitally.

For hardcopy submissions, mail your application to OWAA Bodie McDowell Scholarship, 615 Oak St., Ste. 201, Missoula, MT 59801

For digital submissions, email your materials to info@owaa.org. If files are too large to email, you can use Dropbox or other file sharing programs. Please email any links to info@owaa.org.

Disclaimer: Scholarship distribution amounts are contingent on investment performance as outlined in OWAA bylaws. If investment performance falls below expectations in the eight-quarter period preceding anticipated payout, no distribution from the Bodie McDowell Scholarship Fund will be made. OWAA makes no guarantee of distribution.