

NYCRF Willie Young Memorial Scholarship Application



Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2026. Additional questions should be forwarded to Ross Squire, NYCRF Vice President: ross@nycrf.org.

1. General Information (Please print)

Applicant's name

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address

Street _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Current or intended major field of study: _____

Current or most recent school

Name of school _____

Address _____

Contact Person or Office _____

Phone _____

Other Educational History (post high school)

Name of institution Location (city and state) dates enrolled degree, if applicable

To the best of my knowledge, information given above is clear and sound.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Guardian, if student is under 18 (print) _____ Signature _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

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2. Essay

Please choose from one of the following essay topics. Submitted essays should not exceed 500 words in length.

1. It is estimated that 12.3 million people in the United States participate in saltwater fishing. Tell us about your experience in saltwater fishing and its impact on your life.
2. On Long Island we are experiencing a shortage of many of the fish targeted by recreational saltwater anglers. Striped bass and bluefish are now overfished and there are real concerns about the long-term health of these fish and others and the impact that it may cause on recreational anglers and local economies. Tell us about your observations of fishing today and the actions that you see that could help in creating abundant fisheries.
3. While we recognize that many people enjoy taking home a fish for the table, effective catch and release practices are an important component for ensuring healthy fisheries. Tell us about your personal efforts to ensure healthy fisheries and suggestions on ways to educate the public on being responsible anglers and good stewards of the resource.

3. Requirements

Applicant must submit the following no later than May 31, 2026 (postmark deadline):

- Application Form
- Essay
- If currently a high school senior, copy of acceptance letter to a college/university
- Copy of most recent transcript from high school or college/university

Mail the above requirements to:

NYCRF Willie Young Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee
264 Fillmore Street
Centerport, NY 11721