



NYCRF Willie Young Memorial Scholarship

The NYCRF Willie Young Memorial Scholarship honors Willie Young, the founder and inaugural president of the New York Coalition For Recreational Fishing (NYCRF). Willie was a titan of the recreational community and one of New York's leading advocates for fishing access and the protection of marine resources.

A prolific fisherman in his own right, Willie held leadership roles in many organizations beyond our own, including the Montauk Surfcasters Association, where he served as president, the High Hill Striper Club and the Coastal Conservation Association of New York. He also held numerous positions as a fishing adviser to the County and State Advisory Boards.

Assisting others in the conservation and preservation of our marine resources and promoting "good stewards" are the main goals of the scholarship committee. Finalists will be chosen with one award recipient selected each year.

The NYCRF Willie Young Memorial Scholarship are particularly interested in having its scholarship recipients begin and remain in careers in fields related to the conservation and preservation of our marine resources and recreational fishing. If appropriate, applicant essays should provide a sense of the student's career aspirations, extracurricular activities and plans within these areas.

Applications will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee. Members of this committee will rate applications using the following rubric:

- Cumulative GPA: 20 points
- Essay: 50 points
- Potential for continuing career in marine biology, marine science, environmental science or related discipline: 30 points
- **Total Maximum Possible Score:** 100 points.

REQUIREMENTS:

- All applicants must maintain a high school or four-year college or university grade point average of 3.0 and above.
- High School Seniors must provide a transcript showing at least a 3.0 or equivalency in science courses.
- Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a US accredited four-year college or university.
- Applicants must submit an original essay along with their application. Information on the application and essay are contained on the Application Form.
- Applicants must either be:
 - A relative of a member in good standing of the NYCRF, or
 - Be enrolled or planning to enroll in a marine science, marine biology, environmental science or related program at a four-year college or university.
- Please see Application Form for additional requirements.

NOTE:

- Scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient to offset school costs.
- The scholarship award winner agrees to provide receipts demonstrating the funds were used to offset college-related expenses.
- The chosen applicant agrees to have their photograph taken and used in NYCRF communications and with the press.
- The decision of the scholarship committee is final.