



# 2026 Wild Compass Environmental Education Scholarship Application

Provided by Wild Compass Environmental Education Charitable Gambling #33048

## **Award Details:**

The 2026 Wild Compass Environmental Education Scholarship is open to high school seniors in the Jackson County Central, Heron Lake Okabena, and Windom School Districts.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the fall of 2026. Preference will be given to students entering the science fields.

One \$500 award will be given to a student from each of the following school districts: Jackson County Central, Heron Lake Okabena, and Windom.

Application Close Date: April 20th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Award Date: May 1st, 2026

## **How to apply:**

Complete the application form online

**OR** print and submit to Wild Compass office by mail, email, or in person by 4/20/26.

Please note Wild Compass staff are not in office on weekends.

## **Mailing Address:**

Wild Compass Environmental Education

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Lakefield, MN 56150

## **Email:**

Jenna Schwartz, Gambling Manager

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## **How scholarship is awarded:**

Applications are judged and scored by Wild Compass board members using a scoring rubric; the scores will be combined and the highest score will be awarded the scholarship.

## 1. Personal Information

### **Full Name \***

First Name

Last Name

### **Address \***

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

**Email \***

Postal / Zip Code

example@example.com

**Phone Number \***

Please enter a valid phone number.

**Currently a senior at: \***

**College or University attending: \***

**Have you been accepted? \***

Type option 1

Type option 2

Type option 3

Type option 4

**Major(s): \***

**Minor(s):**

## 2. Essay Questions

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. (300 word limit)

**Describe how your connection to nature has shaped who you are today. How do you plan to continue supporting and engaging with these values in the future? \***

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**Choose one of the following prompts:**

A. If you could swap places with an animal for a day, which would you choose, and what would you hope to learn from their perspective on survival, adaptation, and resilience? How does this experience mirror a moment in your high school life where you had to adapt or grow in unexpected ways?

B. If you could explore any ecosystem, from the deepest ocean to the highest mountain, what would you want to observe, and why? How does this curiosity about the natural world reflect your approach to learning and challenges in high school?

**Write your answer below:**

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### **3. Letter of Recommendation**

Submit one letter of recommendation by someone other than a family member.

## **Submission**

Thank you for completing the Wild Compass Environmental Education Scholarship Application.