

## FRIENDS Founder Lynn Davis Scholarship Student Application Form

**Deadline: March 11, 2024**

### FRIENDS Mission:

Friends of the Blue Ridge helps preserve, promote, and enhance the outstanding natural beauty, ecological vitality, and cultural distinctiveness of the Blue Ridge region.

Lynn Davis was a leading force behind the creation of FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge in 1988 and has remained active with FRIENDS. In honor of her dedication, the Lynn Davis Scholarship Program has been established to assist students from Blue Ridge communities where our volunteer chapters operate. Lynn is a lifelong learner and spent her career serving communities and government agencies with an education focus so we can be good stewards of our natural world.

### Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior (or equivalent if homeschooled) in the local FRIENDS Chapter's service area. To verify, a list of schools can be found on our website ([www.blueridgefriends.org](http://www.blueridgefriends.org))  
**Exception:** Recipients of a scholarship are eligible to reapply the next year.
- GPA of at least 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale or equivalent
- Plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher learning
- Plan to pursue a degree/career in environmental or cultural studies is preferred. An applicant may also indicate participation in activities that align with the FRIENDS mission.
  - FRIENDS has a broad definition of environmental studies, which includes studies in natural resources, sciences, engineering, land management, relative cultural studies (such as art, history, or cultural music like Old Time and Bluegrass music), and more.
  - The intention is to support a student with a passion to help preserve, promote, and enhance natural beauty, ecological vitality, and cultural distinctiveness for future generations.
- Align with the mission of FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge by demonstrating a commitment to help preserve, promote, and enhance the natural beauty, ecological vitality, and cultural distinctiveness, such as art, cultural music, or history, for future generations
- Complete the entire application process:
  - Compilation of the scholarship packet requirements
  - Submitting the packet on or before midnight March 11, 2024

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#### **Personal Information Section**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone\*: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

Intended/Current College: \_\_\_\_\_

College Location (city, state): \_\_\_\_\_

Intended/Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Work/Volunteer Aspiration: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements for the scholarship packet are outlined on the next page. After completing your packet, please review the statement below and sign your application.**

I affirm that all statements included in this scholarship packet are true, complete, and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Scholarship recipients can reapply the following year so we request a reliable way to reach you after high school graduation.

## Scholarship Packet Required Materials

1. Provide a personal letter/statement (typed, 500 words maximum)
  - On a separate sheet of paper, please prepare a letter/statement telling the selection committee about:
    - your passion for the preservation of natural resources and/or cultural heritage
    - your plan to impact the preservation of natural resources and/or cultural heritage in the future
    - your educational, career, and volunteer goals
2. Provide one (1) letter of recommendation
  - On a separate sheet of paper, based on the mission of FRIENDS stated on the first page of the application, the person writing a recommendation to the selection committee should explain why the student applying for this scholarship is a strong candidate to receive the award.
3. Provide an activity sheet (or equivalent such as a resume)

On a separate sheet of paper, please outline your:

  - participation in extracurricular activities including dates of participation
  - level of involvement including leadership roles
  - any awards and honors you have received
4. Provide the most recent copy of your school transcript (or homeschool equivalent)

Submit your scholarship application packet so it arrives by midnight **March 11, 2024**.

Note: Transcripts (or equivalent) that must be mailed by the school will have a grace period of 5 days.

**Mail to:** FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge  
ATTN: Scholarships  
PO Box 20986  
Roanoke, VA 24018

**Online:** [www.blueridgefriends.org/scholarships/](http://www.blueridgefriends.org/scholarships/)

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