



DELAWARE RIVER SHAD FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY RULES

ABOUT THE DRSFA: The DRSFA is one of the principal conservation organizations working to protect, preserve and restore migratory fish to the Delaware River and its tributaries. Along with our partners we have successfully lobbied for over \$1.2 million for environmental education programs, installing fish passageways around dams and obstructions, removing obsolete dams, improving aquatic habitat, and supporting policies protecting migratory fish from their continuing decline in the Delaware River and its tributaries.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION: The DRSFA scholarship is available to anyone ages 16 to 21 who plans to pursue a degree in Biology, Environmental Science or related field. The scholarship winner will be awarded \$1,000. To qualify, students should submit an essay with a minimum of three pages, single spaced and typed in 12 point font with 1 inch margins. A cover page must be included with your full name, school name, graduation year, email address, and mailing address. One student will be chosen as the winner by a three-person committee of DRSFA members.

THE CONTENT OF THE ESSAY SHOULD TOUCH ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- The life cycle of the American Shad.
- The economic and cultural history of shad along the Delaware River.
- Three reasons why shad and migratory fish are declining along the east coast.
- The current population trend and status of the American Shad in the Delaware River.
- What is being done to restore shad and migratory fish populations along the east coast.
- The importance of shad and migratory fish to the sustainability of the marine ecosystem.
- Your ideas on what could be done to improve restoration efforts of shad and migratory fish in your region.

Essays will be judged on the level of detail, quality of writing, factual accuracy, and the creativity of your ideas to improve and restore shad populations.

RULES:

1. Essays must be an original work of the student entrant.
2. One essay per entrant.
3. Essays must be submitted as an attached email file to Mike Topping (thetoppings1@gmail.com).
4. Winning entrant will receive \$1,000 in cash.
5. Essay must be submitted between November and January 20 of the following year. Winners will be announced at the Shad Banquet at the end of the month of January.

Please contact Mike Topping 610-867-2137 or thetoppings1@gmail.com with questions or current application status. Good Luck!!!