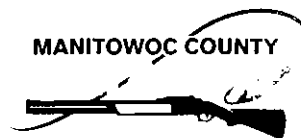


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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MANITOWOC COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Clubs Located At:

Cleveland	Kiel	Friends of the Branch River Watershed
Trout Unlimited	Clark Mills	Manitowoc Gun Club
Pigeon Lake	Shoto	Viking Bow & Gun
Francis Creek	Manitowoc	Manitowoc County Bass Club
Walleyes for Tomorrow	Kellnersville	Manitowoc County Coon Hunters
Whitelaw	Maribel	NW Wisconsin Sports Fisherman
Westshore	Larrabee	Manitowoc Deer Hunters Club of Wisconsin
Wild Turkey Federation	Manitowoc Rifle and Pistol	Manitowoc County Lakes Association
Pine River	Mishicot	Manitowoc County Trappers
Reedsville		Wisconsin Water Fowlers

Name: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted] Mishicot WI
Street City State

Home Phone: [Redacted]

1. Name of University in which you are enrolled: UW River Falls
2. Declared Major: Animal Science
3. Status as of 2025 - 2026 school year (circle one) Junior Senior Graduate
 - Student must have completed sophomore year by 6/30/2025 to be eligible for the undergraduate scholarship.
 - Student must have completed their undergraduate degree by 6/30/2025 to be eligible for the graduate level scholarship.

Answer the following questions on a separate page and attach.

Are you (or your parent or grandparent) a member of a Club associated with Manitowoc County Fish and Game? If so, which Club and for how long?

Please describe extracurricular activities you have been involved in especially as related to the outdoors. Indicate if you had a leadership role.

Why should you be considered for this scholarship?

What role do you feel volunteer organizations like the Manitowoc County Fish & Game will play in the conservation and preservation of the outdoors for future generations?

Please list any honors or award you have been the recipient of.

Email or Mail this completed application by June 16, 2025 to:

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1. Are you (or your parent or grandparent) a member of a Club associated with Manitowoc County Fish and Game? If so, which Club and for how long?

For over a decade, my family and I have been dedicated members of the Manitowoc County Fish and Game organization. My stepmom, Sarah Schmidt, has played a significant role in the annual Fish and Game banquet, in Manitowoc, contributing to her efforts on the committee for the past four years. This year, she will be taking on a more prominent leadership role as the vice president and co-chair of the committee. Inspired by her involvement, my brothers and I have also volunteered at the fish and game banquet, making it a family tradition to support this important event.

My family and I are also members of the Maribel Sportsman's Club. Being a member of the Maribel Sportsman's Club has provided me with numerous opportunities to engage in community service and support various causes. My involvement in the club has been both rewarding and enriching, allowing me to contribute to the upkeep and success of the organization while also making a positive impact on the community.

One of my primary contributions has been participating in club clean-up activities. These efforts are crucial for maintaining the club's facilities and ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all members. By dedicating my time and energy to these clean-ups, I have developed a strong sense of responsibility and pride in our shared space. It has also fostered a sense of belonging among fellow members, as we work together towards a common goal.

In addition to maintenance efforts, I have been actively involved in trap fundraisers. These events are essential for raising funds to support the club's various activities and initiatives. By helping to organize and run these fundraisers, I have gained valuable experience in event planning and fundraising. These skills are not only beneficial for the club but also for my personal growth and development.

One of the most meaningful experiences I have had as a member of the Maribel Sportsman's Club was participating in the Nathan Chervenka cancer fundraiser. This event was dedicated to supporting a fellow community member in their fight against cancer. Being part of such a compassionate and supportive initiative was incredibly fulfilling. It highlighted the importance of coming together to support those in need and reinforce the sense of community within the club.

Another notable event I have been involved in is the Cottontail Classic. This event is a celebration of outdoor sports and activities, bringing together members and their families for a day of fun and competition. My participation in the Cottontail Classic has allowed me to connect with other members, share my passion for outdoor sports, and contribute to the club's vibrant community spirit.

Overall, my involvement in the Maribel Sportsman's Club has been an invaluable experience. It has allowed me to develop important skills, build strong relationships, and make a positive impact on the community. I am proud to be a part of such a dedicated and supportive organization.

2. Please describe extracurricular activities you have been involved in especially as related to the outdoors. Indicate if you had a leadership role.

Throughout my life, I have engaged in various extracurricular activities that have significantly shaped my leadership skills and personal development. One of my earliest experiences was becoming a junior hunter safety instructor. This role required me to assist in teaching new hunters about the importance of safety protocols and responsible hunting practices. As I gained more experience and knowledge, I eventually became a full-fledged hunter safety instructor. This progression not only honed my instructional abilities but also instilled in me a sense of responsibility and the importance of mentorship.

In high school, I was heavily involved in shooting trap for FFA, a sport that demands precision, focus, and teamwork. I participated in trap shooting all four years, which allowed me to develop my skills steadily. By my senior year, I was honored to serve as the team captain. This leadership position required me to guide my teammates, coordinate practices, and foster a sense of camaraderie and mutual support. Being a team captain taught me valuable lessons in leadership, such as the importance of leading by example, effective communication, and the ability to motivate others.

My leadership journey continued into my freshman year of college, where I joined the Army ROTC program. This program is designed to prepare students for future leadership roles in the military. Through rigorous training and coursework, I learned about discipline, strategic planning, and the significance of teamwork in achieving common goals. The ROTC program also provided me with numerous opportunities to demonstrate and refine my leadership abilities in various challenging scenarios.

Together, these extracurricular activities have profoundly influenced my development as a leader. From teaching hunter safety to leading a trap shooting team and participating in Army ROTC, each experience has contributed to my understanding of what it means to be an effective leader. These roles have taught me the value of responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of guiding others towards success.

3. Why should you be considered for this scholarship?

I am excited to apply for the Manitowoc County Fish and Game Scholarship, as my passion for the outdoors and commitment to sportsmanship make me a strong candidate. Growing up in Mishicot, Wisconsin, I have always been surrounded by the natural beauty of our region, such as Cato Falls, Maribel Caves, and Collins Marsh. These beautiful parts of Manitowoc County have instilled in me a deep appreciation for outdoor activities and conservation.

From a young age, I have been involved in various outdoor activities, including hiking, fishing, and hunting. These activities have taught me valuable lessons about patience, respect for nature, and the importance of preserving our environment. My experiences in the great outdoors have also fostered a sense of adventure and resilience, qualities that I believe are essential for any person.

Throughout my high school years, I have been an active member of the school's sports teams, including Mishicot FFA Trap team and Lake to Lake Soccer. These experiences have not only honed my athletic abilities but also taught me the importance of leadership and collaboration. As a team captain of the Trap team and seasoned member of the soccer team, I have had the privilege of leading my teammates, fostering a sense of unity, and

motivating them to achieve our common goals. These leadership roles have instilled in me a sense of responsibility and the drive to always strive for excellence.

In addition to my personal outdoor pursuits, I have actively participated in community events and conservation projects. I have volunteered with adopt a highway to clean up trails and restore habitats. As a hunter safety instructor, I get the opportunity to educate others about how hunting and fishing is an important part of environmental management. These efforts have allowed me to give back to my community and promote a love for the outdoors among others.

As a dedicated athlete and outdoor enthusiast, I am committed to upholding the values of the Sportsman's Club. I believe that my experiences and passion for the outdoors make me a strong candidate for this scholarship, and I am eager to continue my education career with your support.

4. What role do you feel volunteer organizations like the Manitowoc County Fish & Game will play in the conservation and preservation of the outdoors for future generations?

Volunteer organizations like Manitowoc County Fish and Game play a crucial role in the conservation and preservation of the outdoors for future generations. These organizations bring together individuals who share a common passion for nature and a commitment to preserving it. Their efforts are vital in addressing environmental challenges, promoting sustainable practices, and ensuring that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty and resources we have today.

One of the primary roles of volunteer organizations is to engage in hands-on conservation projects. These projects often include activities such as habitat restoration, wildlife monitoring, and pollution clean-up efforts. By actively participating in these initiatives, volunteers directly contribute to the health and sustainability of local ecosystems. For example, restoring native plant species or cleaning up waterways can have a significant positive impact on the environment, benefiting both wildlife and the community.

Additionally, organizations like Manitowoc County Fish and Game play a pivotal role in education and advocacy. By raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility among community members, these organizations help cultivate a culture of environmental management. Educated citizens are more likely to make informed decisions that positively impact the environment, from reducing waste to supporting conservation policies.

Furthermore, volunteer organizations serve as a bridge between the community and policymakers. They advocate for legislation and policies that support environmental conservation and protection. By representing the collective voice of their members, these organizations can influence decision-making processes at local, state, and national levels.

Their advocacy efforts help ensure that environmental concerns are prioritized and that effective measures are implemented to safeguard natural resources.

In conclusion, volunteer organizations like Manitowoc County Fish and Game are indispensable in the fight to conserve and preserve the outdoors for future generations. Through hands-on projects, education, and advocacy, they make significant contributions to the health of our environment. By fostering a sense of community and responsibility, they ensure that the natural world remains a cherished and protected resource for years to come.

5. Please list any honors or award you have been the recipient of.

- FFA: Green Hand Award – 2019.
- Student of the Month for PE January 2020.
- High / Distinguished Honors for Grades - 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th
- Perfect score 25/25- Trap - multiple since 10/04/2020
- Wisconsin High School Trap League - 2nd place Conference Female High Average Award- Spring 2021.
- Wisconsin High School Trap League - 1st place Conference Female High Average Award-Fall 2021.
- Student of the Month for Foreign Language 2021.
- Wisconsin High School Trap League - 3rd place Conference Female High Average Award- Spring 2022.
- Wisconsin High School Trap League - 3rd place State Female High Gun Award 2022.
- High School - High Gun Award at Maribel Sportsman's Club -Spring 2022, Fall 2022.
- Student of the Month for Family and Consumer Science 2022.
- Wisconsin High School Trap League - 1st place Conference Female High Average Award - Fall 2022.