

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROANOKE

2026-27 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION/APPLICATION

One \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in the Spring/Summer of 2026 to a local student* attending Virginia Tech, Ferrum College, Hollins University, or Roanoke College who is majoring or pursuing a graduate degree in environmental protection or natural resource management. The nominee/applicant must be a rising junior, rising senior, senior, or graduate student whose chosen major/field of study is environmentally related as described herein. The award will be based on the information provided in this nomination/application form, a current transcript, a nomination letter or letter of recommendation from a faculty member in your major field, and a personal narrative statement (see essay requirements below). Award criteria include financial need, academic experience in environmental protection or natural resources management, and goals after graduation. An interview of finalists by the Kiwanis Environmental Scholarship Selection Committee selected by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke may be required.

Requirements: By May 1, 2026 submit this form and the additional documents requested by email to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke at: roanokekiwanis@gmail.com or mail to the address below.

Personal Information:

Full name: _____

Permanent/home address:

School address:

Email:

Cell Phone #:

High school attended (preferably Roanoke City or County):

*A local student is defined as a graduate of a public or private high school located in western Virginia, with preference given to students from a Roanoke City or County school.

College/University now attending:

Current grade level in Spring of 2026 (circle one): sophomore junior senior graduate

College major and degree sought (B.A. or B.S) to obtain _____

If a graduate student, name of school, degree sought, and area of focus:

Transcript Requirement: Transcript requested on (date):

Have transcript mailed to: Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, PO Box 19313, Roanoke, VA.
24019 or email to the address above.

Student Essay Requirement: Please include a narrative of 500 words or less that addresses the following topics as they relate to your scholarship nomination/application:

1. Financial need (costs of school, including books, room and board, etc., other scholarships or financial aid awarded, income from part-time work, family contributions, any other resources or needs (be specific) etc.)
2. Academics (favorite course(s), educational and school-related work focus, honors, etc.)
3. Experience in environmental protection or natural resources management (summer jobs, internships, organization memberships, etc.)
4. Goals after graduation (ideal job, preferred location, additional schooling desired, connection or continuing ties to the Roanoke Valley, etc.)

Letter of Nomination/Recommendation: Please submit a letter of nomination (faculty) or request a letter of recommendation (student) from a faculty member of your preference within your chosen field of environmental study or natural resource management from whom you have taken at least one class. This letter should be submitted directly to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke at either the email or the mailing address above. This letter is not to be submitted by or through the applicant student.