

\$3,000 Scholarships

For Environmental/Natural Science Students



Friends of Moraine Hills State Park offers TWO scholarships for \$3000 each

to outstanding Illinois students pursuing an environmental science or natural science career.

To be eligible, the applicant must have permanent residency in McHenry, Lake, Boone, or Kane county, have a minimum B average, and plan to attend an accredited college or university. The applicant should be planning to enter a career directly related to preserving the natural environment.

Applications are due April 30th For the school year starting in fall.



Find an application with complete instructions at
FriendsOfMoraineHillsStatePark.org

Recipients are determined by a review committee of Friends of Moraine Hills State Park. **Friends of Moraine Hills State Park is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization**, dedicated to promoting citizen awareness of the local natural heritage of Moraine Hills State Park, portions of which are dedicated state nature preserves, and to preserving the same through special events, educational and training programs, acquisitions of properties for such purposes and taking whatever steps deemed necessary to insure the continued care and preservation of Moraine Hills State Park.

Become a Friends Member!

Please join us and support both our park and the next generation of environmental stewards!

FRIENDS OF MORAIN HILLS STATE PARK

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

THE FRIENDS OF MORAIN HILLS STATE PARK IS OFFERING TWO \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO WILL BE PURSUING A CAREER DIRECTLY RELATED TO PRESERVING/PROTECTING THE ENVIORNMENT.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST RESIDE IN LAKE, MCHENRY, KANE OR BOONE COUNTY, ATTEND SCHOOL IN ONE OF THESE COUNTIES, HAVE A MINIMUM B AVERAGE FOR THE THREE YEARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THESE COUNTIES ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO BE CONSIDERED

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APPLICATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

WWW.FRIENDSOFMORAINEHILLSSTATEPARK.ORG

Friends of Moraine Hills \$3000 Environmental Studies/Natural Science Scholarship Application

Students from Lake Co, McHenry Co, Boone Co, or Kane Co

Submission Deadline April 30, 2026. Online form and PDF form available at

Friends of Moraine Hills Scholarships: www.friendsofmorainehillstatepark.org/scholarships

Applicants must be applying to an accredited college or university in the environmental, natural science, or related field.

Name (First/Last) _____

Street Address: _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

County (Circle one) Lake McHenry Boone Kane

Phone _____

Email Address _____

High School _____

Town _____ County _____

Name of College/University attending in 2026

Degree/Major/Minor _____

Mail-in Applications must include the following information and all items enclosed in the same envelope.

Please assemble your mail-in packet in the following order:

1. Application Form - each line completed.
2. Minimum of one signed letter of recommendation from a nonrelative who is familiar with your goals and aptitude.
3. A one page (300-400 word) typed essay using 12 point font. Address your goals and motivation for choosing environmental studies and/or natural science. Include your thoughts regarding environmental issues and related experiences. Describe your attributes that help you be successful. The essay must be the sole work of the applicant without the use of AI tools.
4. Included sealed transcripts reflecting your GPA or a grade average of B or higher from your current school's registrar.
5. Mail these items in a single envelope to:
Scholarship Committee Friends of Moraine Hills
1510 S. River Road, McHenry, IL 60051
6. **Applications must be received by April 30, 2026. Awards are announced in May.**

Agreement and Signature: By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a scholarship recipient, and false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on the application will result in the loss of this scholarship. I further understand that, if chosen, my written narrative may be published, in part or in whole, in The Friends of Moraine Hills Newsletter and/or on the FOMHSP website, and that an image of me may be used by Friends of Moraine Hills and Moraine Hills State Park in any of the media.

Signature: _____ Date: _____