

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
YMCA Earth Service Award – \$1,000 Scholarship Application**

**Eligibility:**

All students in grades 9 – 12 residing or attending school in Warren, Washington or Saratoga Counties are eligible to apply. In order to be nominated for this award, the student should complete the first two pages of the application, and have the reference form(s) completed and returned separately.

**Selection Criteria:**

Students will be honored based on the following:

- Contribution to the improvement of natural resources and the environment, and the extent to which the applicant has learned from the experience.
- Leadership demonstrated in the planning and execution of an environmentally themed project, program, or service in the community.
- The extent to which the applicant has encouraged others to understand, appreciate, and practice sound conservation and environmental stewardship.

**Examples of projects and programs:**

Activities such as the implementation of a recycling program in your school or community; cleaning roadsides, streams, or lakes; maintaining trails; planting trees; gardening as a community; improving air quality; delivering environmental conservation programs; increasing public awareness through letter writing or artwork; contributing to newsletters or newspapers; or participating in an environmental internship. Many other projects, programs, or services that meet the selection criteria may be appropriate as well.

**Deadline:**

**April 2, 2018**

YMCA Camp Chingachgook, 1872 Pilot Knob Road, Kattskill Bay, NY 12844

Fax: 656-9362. For more information, 656-9462 ext. 6644

<b>1. Applicant Information</b>		
Name:		
Home Address:		
Home Phone:	School:	Grade:
<b>2. Parent/Guardian Information</b>		
Name:		
Home Address ( <i>if different from above</i> ):		
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	
<b>3. Sponsor Information: Find an adult who can verify your environmental service activities. Have your sponsor complete the attached <i>letter of recommendation form</i>. This person may be contacted to answer questions about your service activities. You are welcome to identify a second sponsor. Just make a copy of the recommendation form and have your second sponsor complete it. Completed letters of recommendation) should be mailed or faxed directly to YMCA Camp Chingachgook.</b>		
Name of Primary Sponsor:		
Relationship to Applicant:		
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	
Name of Second Sponsor (optional):		
Relationship to Applicant:		
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	

**4. Activity Summary:** Briefly describe your environmental service activities. Be sure to include what you did, what leadership positions you held (if any), how long you were (or have been) involved, how much time you spent on the activities, and who else was involved (e.g., family, friends, groups).

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**5. Results:** Describe the impact of your efforts. Be sure to include who benefited from your work; if the activity will continue in the future; and whether the results met, exceeded, or fell short of your expectations.

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**6. Reflection:** Describe how you personally were affected by your activity. You may share what you learned from the experience, what skills you acquired, and what you would recommend to other people for the future.

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*You may attach additional sheets, if necessary.*

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**SPONSOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**1. Applicant Information**

Student Applying for the Service Award:

School:

Home Phone:

**2. Sponsor Information**

Name:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

**3. Relationship with the Applicant-** Please describe your relationship with the student (e.g., relative, club advisor, administrator, clergy, etc.). Please include how long you have known the applicant.

**4. Service Experience-** Briefly describe the applicant's environmental service activities. Please include what the applicant specifically did, and the impact of the applicant's activities on the environment, and/or other beneficiaries of the applicant's activities. If the activities were part of an organization's service projects, please include the name of the organization; length of the applicant's involvement; and/or any leadership positions held.

**5. Criteria-** Please explain how the applicant has demonstrated that he/she has met one or more of the selection criteria for the Award:

- Contribution to the improvement of natural resources and the environment, and the extent to which the applicant has learned from the experience.*
- Leadership demonstrated in the planning and execution of an environmentally themed project, program or service in the community.*
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**YOU MAY USE THE REVERSE SIDE IF NEEDED**

