

The Massachusetts Envirothon / College of
Natural Sciences

2010 Scholarship



Application & Rules

Applications Due: 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 23, 2010

**Massachusetts Envirothon/College of Natural Sciences, UMass Amherst
Scholarship**

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Scholarship Amount

This is a \$1,000 scholarship, awarded to a student during the fall semester of their freshman year. At the discretion of the College and depending on the quality of applications received, more than one scholarship may be awarded in any given year.

Requirements for all Applicants:

- You must be a high school senior planning to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst, College of Natural Sciences, in the fall following your high school graduation. Please note that this scholarship is only available to a student if she or he is attending UMass, College of Natural Sciences.

- Your application must include a letter of nomination from your Envirothon coach. Envirothon coaches should consider the following guidelines when nominating a student.

- The student participated in the Massachusetts Envirothon program sometime during his/her high school career;
- The student was an active participant in the various educational activities associated with the Envirothon throughout the year. Please note that the student did not necessarily have to be a member of the team that went to the competition; and
- Coaches are permitted to nominate more than one student.

Your declared or intended major must fall within the following areas of study at UMass Amherst, College of Natural Sciences:

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Biology

Chemistry

Geosciences

Geology

Geography

Earth Systems

Microbiology

Natural Resources Conservation

Environmental Science

Forestry/Urban Forestry

Natural Resource Studies

Wildlife & Fisheries

Conservation

Plant, Soil and Insect Sciences

Applicant Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Address (if different from above) _____

_____ Phone _____

Participating Envirothon team name and year(s)

Proposed College Major _____

Admission application status with University of Massachusetts, College of Natural Sciences

accepted _____ date _____
(Enclose copy of acceptance letter)

other(explain) _____

Please make sure the following is included with your application or that it will be forwarded to the Massachusetts Envirothon Program by the due date:

- Official copy of your high school transcript.
- Up to three letters of reference are welcomed and encouraged.
- Letter of nomination from your coach/advisor
- Essay Question: Write a 500-word essay discussing your interest in your proposed college major, how involvement in the Envirothon program and other extracurricular activities may have inspired your interest in that field of study, and where your career aspirations may take you from here.

Review procedures.

Applications will be accepted starting February 1, 2010 and must be **received** (not just postmarked) at the Westford office no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 23, 2010.

The Massachusetts Envirothon Committee will review the applications and recommend the top three candidates. The criteria used by this group will include:

- ⇒ involvement in the Envirothon program
- ⇒ student's demonstrated interest in environmental areas
- ⇒ student's involvement in environmental activities
- ⇒ choice of elective courses through high school
- ⇒ student's ability to express him/her self
- ⇒ academic achievement

Those recommendations will then be forwarded to the College of Natural Sciences to select a winner using the same criteria. The College of Natural Sciences will notify the Massachusetts Envirothon Committee of its decision.

The Massachusetts Envirothon Committee and the College of Natural Sciences will jointly notify the winning applicant. The Committee will also promptly notify the other applicants that they were not chosen to receive this year's scholarship.

All decisions of the Massachusetts Envirothon Committee and the College of Natural Sciences are final. The University of Massachusetts reserves the right to award the scholarship dollars in accordance with its procedures.

All programs and services of the Massachusetts Envirothon program are offered to everyone regardless of age, sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, handicap, or religion.

Please mail applications to:

Massachusetts Envirothon Program
319 Littleton Road, Suite 205
Westford, MA 01886-4104
Phone (978)692-1904, X3

Applications are also available on the web at www.maenvirothon.org.