

TEACHER/NATURALISTS SUMMER WORKSHOPS IN ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY

******** SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! *******

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ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) is accepting applications from Maryland teachers, youth leaders, park rangers, and nature center staff for scholarships to attend weeklong summer ecology and ornithology workshops at Audubon camps in Maine. Each award covers tuition, room, and board for an intensive multi-day course of field study and instruction in ornithology, ecology, conservation, or natural history.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The value of each scholarship is approximately \$1000. MOS will award multiple scholarships each year. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the recipient. For more information and updates, check the MOS website: <http://www.mdbirds.org/education/scholarships/ScholarshipPage2017.pdf>, or contact the Scholarship Chair (below). Workshop selections and dates are listed on the flyer, [Scholarship Choices 2017](#), also available on the MOS website.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship recipients must work with young people in Maryland. The program is open to teachers, camp counselors, park rangers, environmental education coordinators at nature centers, community volunteers and others who intend to make nature education a part of their careers.
2. There is no application form. Simply provide a written statement (maximum of two pages) in the form of a letter to MOS describing how the workshop experience will be used to develop in young people an appreciation of wildlife and a sense of responsibility for the care and quality of our natural resources and environment. In your letter please indicate which workshop you wish to attend; we will try to accommodate your choice: refer to [Scholarship Choices 2017](#).
3. Applicants must submit a current resume (preferably no more than two pages).
4. Applicants need not be members of MOS but *must* be endorsed by a member or chapter (*see next item*).
5. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who know of the candidate's interests, activities, abilities, and potential are required. One of the letters should be from a supervisor or someone in a similar position relative to the applicant. *One letter must be from either a member of MOS or a chapter of MOS.* Contact your local chapter (see MOS website for chapters) or the scholarship chair (below) for a contact in your local area. That person will contact the applicant to discuss their interests and background and then write a recommendation. It is very helpful if the letters of recommendation cite specific, relevant activities, accomplishments, or projects in which the applicant was involved, in addition to personal qualifications.
6. Applicants must be 21 years or older.
7. Applications from previous recipients will not be considered unless five years have passed since the individual last attended a workshop. The new application must be for a different workshop.
8. Applications must be submitted by 15 November 2016. Submissions via electronic mail are highly recommended. Letters of recommendation must be sent by the author *directly* to the scholarship committee chair, preferably via email.
9. Candidate ranking occurs in December and recipients are notified by January.
10. Please submit applications and questions to Scholarship Committee Chair.
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