



# **Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association**

## ***Will Johns Scholarship Application***

For college students who will be juniors or seniors  
in the academic year 2024-2025

Application period ends April 1, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Last)* *(First)*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(City)* *(State)* *(ZIP)*

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Present College Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(City)* *(State)* *(ZIP)*

Class (in 2024-25):                      Junior                      Senior

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Major field(s) of study:

List outdoor activities in which you engage and explain your involvement  
(use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

List experience in outdoor communications, if any  
(use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Outline your goals and plans for your career in communications that  
focuses on the wise use and management of natural resources and/or  
outdoor recreation.  
(use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

References (names, occupations, addresses) or include non-faculty letters  
of recommendation (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

The undersigned applicant gives permission to POWA to confirm my GPA with the  
University, for that purpose only: (Yes  No ) and permission to use my grade point  
average in their publicity if I am a winner of the annual POWA - Willard T. Johns  
Memorial Scholarship. (Yes  No )

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF THIS APPLICATION IS APRIL 1, 2024

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:

POWA, PO Box 885, Sayre, PA 18840

OR EMAIL to [ppiatt@paoutdoorwriters.com](mailto:ppiatt@paoutdoorwriters.com)

# Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association Willard T. Johns Memorial Scholarship

## Instructions for applicants

1. Complete the application and sign it.
2. In addition to completing the application, attach a one-page statement detailing your career goals and comments describing your philosophy on the outdoors.
3. Include a brief letter of recommendation from a faculty member of your university with the return of your application.
4. Include a current transcript of your grades.
5. April 1, 2023 is the deadline for return of your application, one-page statement, letter of recommendation, and college grade transcript. Return all to the POWA office.

The Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association – Willard T. Johns Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Willard T. Johns and recognizes outstanding students who are planning communications careers to relate the principles of conservation and the attractions of the out-of-doors.

Preference for this scholarship shall be given to all full-time junior and senior students enrolled in one of the following curriculums:

## Pennsylvania State University, University Park

- College of Communication and its four departments
  - Advertising/Public Relations
  - Film Production and Media Studies
  - Journalism
  - Telecommunications
- Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
  - Forest Ecosystem Management
  - Soil Science Option - Environmental Resource Management
  - Wildlife and Fisheries Science
  - Forestry Technology
  - Wildlife Technology

## University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

- Humanities Division
  - Communication
  - English Writing (Creative or Professional)
  - Journalism
  - Multimedia and Digital Culture
  
- Natural Sciences Division
  - Biology
  - Energy and Earth Resources
  - Geology
  
- Social Sciences Division
  - Environmental Studies

Recipients should show strong evidence of academic achievement and display financial need. It is the expectation that four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each shall be awarded annually. Each scholarship shall be awarded for one year but may be renewed for an additional year if a recipient continues to meet the conditions of eligibility. Renewal of a Scholarship will require a new application and standard screening review.

Members of POWA, including all classes of membership, and their families are disqualified from making application and will not be accepted as scholarship recipients.