



Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association

Will Johns Scholarship Application

For college students who will be juniors or seniors
in the academic year 2025-2026

Application period ends April 15, 2025

Name: _____
(Last) *(First)*

Home Address: _____
(Street)

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

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

University or College _____

Major field(s) of study: _____

Present School Address _____
(Street)

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

Class (in 2025-26): Junior Senior

Current GPA _____

When do you plan to graduate _____

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

List experience in outdoor communications and provide samples
(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 15, 2025

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO:

POWA, PO Box 349, Pulaski, PA 16143

Or Email to info@paoutdoorwriters.com

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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 communication 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 15, 2025 is the deadline for return of your application, one-page statement, letter of recommendation, and college/university 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 a college or university, physically located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in a communications-related major, a biological/environmental/natural science-related major, or outdoor recreation-related major. Students in other majors, who have actively participated in outdoor communications (print, broadcast, digital, or public speaking) already, are also eligible to apply.

All scholarship applicants are encouraged to apply for Student Membership in the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association to hone their skills as professional outdoor communicators and develop contacts within the field.

Recipients should show strong evidence of academic achievement. 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 not eligible.