

## Shimano/B.A.S.S. College Scholarship Fall/Spring 2018-2019



As many of the state and federal natural resource managers near retirement age, there will be a need to fill vacant positions with qualified individuals who understand and have a passion for sport fishing. To ensure that a pool of well-trained applicants is available for employers to choose from, Shimano and the B.A.S.S. Nation (BN), are offering \$2,000 college scholarships in 2018 for students seeking a bachelor's or master's degree in a natural resource field. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution, and can be used for tuition, textbooks or living expenses.

### Requirements:

The applicant must be:

- Enrolled as a high school senior, college undergraduate or graduate student (MS or PhD),
- a U.S. or Canadian citizen,
- a member of B.A.S.S.

The applicant must commit:

- to enroll in a four-year college or university or accredited graduate program as a full-time student,
- to declare a major in biology, fisheries, wildlife or a natural resource related field.

### Scholarship Application Process:

1. Complete the **Application form** below.
2. Provide a copy of your most recent high school or college **Transcript**.
3. Provide a **Letter of Introduction** that is no longer than 500 words (one typed page) explaining your background, interests and goals for a career in natural resources. Explain why fishing/hunting are relevant to your educational and career goals.
4. Provide **two Letters of Recommendation**: one from a high school or college educator, and one from a B.A.S.S. Nation member, other than a family member. The letters should state why they feel you would make a good natural resource manager.
5. High school students must provide a copy of a **Letter of Acceptance** from your selected college or university.
6. **Scan** all required documents and e-mail as a **single PDF file** to: [ggilliland@bassmaster.com](mailto:ggilliland@bassmaster.com)

Applications will be reviewed by Shimano and B.A.S.S. staff and select BN conservation directors. The successful applicant will be notified by July 1, 2018 and be featured in Shimano and B.A.S.S. media.

**If selected for the Scholarship...** You will be required to provide:

1. Verification of acceptance into a college or university biology, fisheries, wildlife or natural resources degree program.
2. Your Social Security number and IRS W-9 form.

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2018**

**Shimano/B.A.S.S.  
College Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type or print legibly)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/year)    /    /    \_\_\_\_\_

B.A.S.S. Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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High School or College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent year's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ First year of enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you been fishing? \_\_\_\_\_ List favorite fish species \_\_\_\_\_

Do you fish competitively? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what club/circuit/trail do you fish with? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hunt? \_\_\_\_\_ List favorite game species \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities:  
(clubs, teams, organizations) \_\_\_\_\_

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