

THE MELINDA HENNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*A Component Fund of the Community
Foundation of the Mahoning Valley*



Melinda "Mindy" Henning, a 1984 graduate of The Ohio State University's School of Natural Resources, spent the bulk of her career at Ford Nature Center in Mill Creek MetroParks (serving Youngstown and Mahoning County, Ohio). She unexpectedly and tragically passed away in 2008.

Her family and friends have established a scholarship at the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley to assist students studying Natural Resources, Nature Interpretation, Environmental Education, Parks & Recreation, Environmental Studies, or any related field deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee.

CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY

- A. There are no resident requirements but the family would like to give preference to Mahoning County residents.
- B. The successful applicant must be at least a junior in college. Graduate students are also eligible.
- C. The scholarships are a one-time opportunity. They are not renewable.
- D. The student must be pursuing a course of study in Environmental Education, such as Nature Interpretation, Outdoor Education, or a closely related field.
- E. The scholarship should be awarded based on both need and merit.
- F. The recipient must be attending an accredited university within Ohio.

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of \$500 will be awarded on the basis of eligibility criteria that appears above.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students may obtain an application by visiting the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley website at www.cfmv.org or by calling the office at 330-743-5555. **The student should complete the application and return it to the CFMV office at 201 E. Commerce Street, Suite 150, Youngstown, OH 44503 -OR- ckrell@cfmv.org, no later than March 1, 2018.**

At least one academic/professional letter of recommendation by a teacher or other non-relative adult is required. Recommendation(s) should be submitted directly to the foundation office by the individual reference, not forwarded by the applicant, and can be mailed to 201 E. Commerce Street, Suite 150, Youngstown, OH 44503.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Melinda Henning Scholarship Committee will review all applications. The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley will approve the recommendation and all applicants will be notified by mail of the status of their application.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley shall distribute the scholarship award directly to the school of the recipient's choice upon verification from the school that the recipient is enrolled, via a copy of the student's tuition bill.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.