

THE NORTH UMPQUA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The North Umpqua Foundation Scholarship, established by Paul and Lory Utz, provides financial assistance to outstanding students working towards a career in fisheries science, aquatic ecology, or related fields. Preference is given to residents of Douglas County, Oregon; students at Umpqua Community College; and work and research related to the North Umpqua River and/or its native fauna. Nominees must be enrolled in full-time study related to their career goal at an accredited college or university, and intend to pursue a graduate degree. Applications will be considered for students at the Associate's (Community College), Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD levels.

Applications are considered year-round – there is no application deadline. Consideration may take up to 4 months. The dollar amount of an annual scholarship award ranges from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per academic year. Scholarship awardees must maintain satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the institution, in order to continue to receive the scholarship. Scholarship recipients and other applicants may re-apply in subsequent years, for potential additional awards. Scholarship recipients are expected to meet at least once a year with the Board of Directors of The North Umpqua Foundation to present a summary of their recent efforts and findings.

An application for scholarship consists of:

- 1) a letter of recommendation from the student's faculty advisor at the University or College describing the student's character, academic promise as demonstrated by college grade-point average and aptitude test scores, academic and extracurricular accomplishments, awareness of the problems in the proposed field of study, research experience, and leadership skills; and
- 2) a brief essay from the student outlining their academic and professional goals, their plans to achieve them, their studies and/or research and how it relates to the North Umpqua River and its native fishes, and how this scholarship will assist the student in achieving their goals. Also, contact information valid for 4 months beyond the application date.

The Scholarship Selection Committee may recommend more than one scholarship applicant within any year to the Foundation Board, which makes the final funding decisions.

Application materials must not exceed 10 pages and must be provided via email and/or attached "pdf" or "doc" files to:

The North Umpqua Foundation
Scholarship Selection Committee
Chair: Richard Grost
Rich@NorthUmpquaRetreat.com

Thank you for considering our scholarship program, and for your work toward understanding and conserving the native aquatic resources of the North Umpqua River.