

## **Buckeye Trail Association Academic Scholarship**

### **Overview:**

The Buckeye Trail is the first and only long distance hiking trail located within the State of Ohio. The trail traverses more than 40 of the 88 counties and is nearly 1435 miles long. The Buckeye Trail Association is a large, dedicated body of volunteers who build, maintain, and promote the trail. But the BTA is more than just a management organization. Members socialize throughout the year, as well as promote natural resource awareness through National Trails Day events and through a working relationship with the North Country Trail and the American Discovery Trail as these trails traverse part of the Buckeye Trail. Members are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability thereby receiving the satisfaction of helping maintain and improve one of America's longest and most diverse trails.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Buckeye Trail Association Academic Scholarship is to encourage and assist an applicant pursuing or continuing a career related to the outdoors, such as forestry, outdoor education, natural resource management, conservation or environmental studies.

### **Eligibility:**

The BTA Academic Scholarship is open to any BTA member or a student whose parent, guardian, or grandparent is a BTA member. The applicant must be a student who has applied for admission to a post high school educational program, as described above, which is at least two years in length.

### **Scholarship Information:**

The amount of the BTA Academic Scholarship is \$500.00. The application must be received no later than April 1. The awardee (s) will be announced at the BTA Annual Meeting held the fourth weekend in April. The scholarship award(s) will be sent to the recipient(s) upon completion of their first or next term of study. Proof of completion in the academic grading period with a grade point of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale is required.

### **Application Process:**

Each application consists of two parts:

1. A completed application form
2. Completion of the four (4) required attachments: list of extra curricular activities; an essay; a letter of recommendation, and a transcript. The essay becomes the property of the BTA.

The letter of recommendation must be from a guidance counselor, teacher or other person (non-family member) with direct knowledge of the applicant's academic goals.

*The application form is available on line at [buckeyetrail.org](http://buckeyetrail.org).*

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(Please print or type all information)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family BTA Member(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school or college to which you have been accepted \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (4.0) scale \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

### Attachments:

1. Include a list of extra curricular activities, honors, organizations and offices held, work experience and community service. Include membership or service to organizations that are involved in outdoor activities.
2. Include an essay (250-500 words) – “How will my educational goals impact the environment”.
3. Include letter of recommendation. The person providing the recommendation should comment on the applicant's character, ability and motivation to accomplish goals. Recommendation should include writer's name, address and telephone number. Reference must be attached to the completed application.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application, including attachments, must be received by April 1.  
Send to: Buckeye Trail Association; Attn: Scholarship Committee; PO Box 254;  
Worthington, OH 43085

