

News Release
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Applications Being Accepted:
Memorial Scholarship Honors Wildlife Officer Larry A. Hart

EATON, Ohio—The Larry A. Hart Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce they are accepting applications for the Larry A. Hart Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by the Ohio Wildlife Officers' (Lodge 143) of the Fraternal Order of Police and Twin Valley Rod and Gun Club of Preble County. This year, two additional organizations, Safari Club International and the National Deer Association – Twin Creek Branch, have joined us to Honor Larry A. Hart.

Larry A. Hart was a thirty-year veteran of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife. For most of his career, Larry served as a wildlife officer assigned to Preble County. Later, he worked as a Wildlife Officer/Field Supervisor in southwest Ohio. The legacy of integrity and commitment to Wildlife Management and Law Enforcement set by Officer Hart is still remembered by those in the communities he served, and serves as the gold standard today's young officers strive to attain.

To receive the two-thousand-dollar scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Ohio, who have, or will graduate from an accredited high school; or, any person who is, or will be enrolled in an accredited college, pursuing a career in the field(s) of law enforcement, fish and wildlife management and/or similar natural resources studies.

Interested applicants can obtain the scholarship application by:

- Downloading the application at: <https://www.unit2.org>
- E-mail: send a request to larryhartscholarship@gmail.com
- Phone: (740) 326-6751 (Leave the applicant's name, address and phone number on voice mail).

The deadline for applications and recommendations is March 15.

Media Contact or Further Information Contact the Larry A. Hart Scholarship Committee at: **larryhartscholarship@gmail.com**

THE LARRY A. HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION TO APPLICANT (Revised 11/17/25)

To honor the memory of Wildlife Officer/Field Supervisor Larry A. Hart, the Ohio Wildlife Officers' Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #143, the Twin Valley Rod & Gun Club, Safari Club International and the National Deer Association – Twin Creek Branch, have established the Larry A. Hart Memorial Scholarship. Officer Hart's thirty-year legacy of integrity and commitment to the professions of Wildlife Management and Law Enforcement set a timeless standard for all future officers. Additional information is as follows:

1. **TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP:** This is a one-year scholarship in the amount of two-thousand-dollars. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the Bursar of the college where the recipient is or will be attending.
2. **WHO MAY APPLY?**
 - A. Any person who is an Ohio resident;
 - B. Any person who has or will be graduated from an accredited high school;
 - C. Any person who is or will be enrolled in an accredited college and will be pursuing a career in the field of law enforcement, fish & wildlife or similar natural resources studies.
3. **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?**
 - A. **GOAL** - The applicant shall have a desire to pursue a career in the field(s) of law enforcement and/or protection or management of natural resources.
 - B. **INTEREST** - The applicant must have a serious interest in advancing his or her education in natural resources and/or law enforcement studies.
 - C. **SELECTION OF INSTITUTION** - The recipient of this scholarship must choose to attend an accredited institution, be it college, university, or technical college.
 - D. **ATTITUDES AND ACTIVITIES** - The applicant shall demonstrate the upstanding character and positive personal attributes necessary for becoming a successful public servant through his or her participation in extracurricular activities, such as church and/or other community service. If the applicant fails to maintain these standards, the committee reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship at any time.
4. **THE APPLICATION:** It is important that all requested information be supplied promptly in a neat, accurate, and honest format. Do not hesitate to add additional sheets when necessary. Also, the attached Recommendation for Scholarship form must be completed by two references (no relatives, please), and returned to:
larryhartscholarship@gmail.com
5. **DUE DATE FOR ALL DOCUMENTS:** The Larry A. Hart Scholarship Committee shall receive ALL documents pertinent to your application **on or before the 15th of March.**
6. **REQUIREMENTS:** The applicants of this scholarship will be required to submit a suitable photograph, that may accompany the news release as well as documents like:
 - Transcripts (high school and college)
 - Certificates showing proof of successful completion of hunter/trapper education courses.
 - Photocopies of the most recent hunting license, fishing license and trapping permit.

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Applicant, be sure to thoroughly complete this application packet and return it, along with your two letters of recommendation, to the committee on or before the 15th day of March. Please answer all of the questions carefully, with honest and accurate detail. Feel free to add extra sheets for any additional information you wish to include.

SECTION 1 - PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
2. Home Address: _____
Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____
3. College Address: _____
College Phone #: (____) _____ Other Contact #: (____) _____
4. E-mail address: _____
5. Other Information: Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Last 4 digits of your S.S.N.: _____ Place of Birth: _____
6. Is there anything in your background that would render you ineligible for this scholarship or have you ever been arrested? ____ Yes, ____ No (If yes, Explain)
Date: _____ Location: _____ Incident/Charge(s): _____
- 7A. Have you successfully completed a Hunter Education Course? _____
If yes: State _____ Year _____ **[] COPY ATTACHED**
- 7B. Have you successfully completed a Trapper Education Course? _____
If yes: State _____ Year _____ **[] COPY ATTACHED**
8. Do you currently participate in any type of shooting sports? _____
If yes, what type _____
9. Are you a member of Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, the National Rifle Association or any other type of conservation organization?
If yes, name the organization(s): _____
10. Are you now, or have you ever been involved in a scouting type organization? _____
If yes, what is the name the scouting organization & rank attained: _____

11. Are you, or do you have any family members who belong to the Twin Valley Rod and Gun Club, are a member of the Wildlife Officer's Lodge of the F.O.P./Unit 2, or are an employee of the Division of Wildlife? If yes, who? _____

12. Have you served/are you serving in the United States Armed Forces? [] Yes [] No
Which branch? _____ Years of service? _____

13. Please describe all important activities, honors, awards, scholarship ratings or any other forms of recognition that you have received from your community, school, college, church, etc.: _____

14. Describe your feelings about managing wildlife resources by hunting and/or trapping: _____

15. What are your hobbies: _____

16. Have you ever worked or volunteered for a law enforcement agency, a natural resources agency, or a conservation organization? If yes, please describe each: _____

17. What type of position/career are you striving to attain? Why? _____

18. Are you a resident of Ohio? (Note: For this scholarship, you must reside in Ohio within the last six months. (Students who live in Ohio, but go to college out-of-state qualify as residents) ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. You have/will graduate(d) from what high school? _____

20. High school address: _____

21. High school phone number: (____) _____

22. What year will/did you graduate from high school? _____

23. Attach a copy of your high school transcript to your application package -OR- On a separate sheet of paper, list all of the courses that you have taken during your Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years in High School, with grades/G.P.A. for each subject.

24. "Attachment A" has been completed by the high school administrator? ☐ Yes, ☐ No

SECTION 3 - COLLEGIATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

25. Attach a copy of your college transcript to your application package -OR- On a separate sheet of paper, list all of the courses that you have taken during your Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year(s) in college, with grades/G.P.A. for each subject.

26. "Attachment B" has been completed by the College Registrar? ☐ Yes, ☐ No

27. Are you currently enrolled in college? ☐ Yes, ☐ No

The address of the college is: _____

Is there any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider?

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

The above statements, and documents attached, are correct and true. I hereby agree that if I become the recipient of this scholarship, I shall abide by the regulations, moral obligation, spirit and provisions under which the same are granted. If I fail to do that, I acknowledge that the scholarship may be withdrawn at any time, I will voluntarily relinquish said scholarship, and return the full amount back to the L.A.H.M.S. Committee.

ALL documents pertaining to your application must be received by the Larry A. Hart Memorial Scholarship Committee on or before the 15th of March.

THE LARRY A. HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ATTACHMENT A - HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT SUPPLEMENT

If the following information is not listed on your high school transcripts, please have the appropriate high school administrator complete or copy the following information:

This is to certify that the applicant, _____ will be/has
graduated from _____ High School, located at
_____.

The applicant will/has graduate(d) on ____/____/____, and has/had a cumulative grade
point average of _____.

Name person providing this information: _____

Title: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Address: _____

ATTACHMENT B - COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT SUPPLEMENT

The following is to be completed by the College Registrar if the information is not listed on
your college transcripts:

This is to certify that the applicant, _____ is currently
enrolled in _____ College,
(Name of College)
located at _____.
(Address of College) (City) (State)

The applicant is/will be working toward a/an _____
(Type of Degree)
degree in the study of _____.
(Major)

The applicant's cumulative grade point average is _____.

Printed name of the College Registrar: _____

Signature of the College Registrar: _____

Address of the Registrar's Office: _____

Phone number of the Registrar's Office: (____) _____

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ADD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR USE A DIFFERENT FORMAT IF YOU WISH.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

Your knowledge of this applicant will assist the Scholarship Committee in considering the applicant's qualification(s) for scholarship aid. Please add additional sheets/re-generate document if necessary. We would appreciate your honest recommendation based upon any records and/or personal knowledge pertaining to the following points:

1. Is the applicant the type of person you would recommend for this scholarship?

☐ Yes, ☐ No, why: _____

2. Personal Qualifications - What do you consider to be the applicant's outstanding traits which qualify him/her for this scholarship? (i.e.: character, diligence, emotional maturity, leadership ability, honesty, etc.): _____

3. Is the applicant the type of person that you would want to respond to assist you in the time of an emergency? ☐ Yes, ☐ No, Explain: _____

4. Are you a family member of/or related to the applicant? ☐ Yes, ☐ No,

5. Do you have any additional remarks or information that you would like to share about the applicant _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Title/Occupation/Relationship: _____

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