

BEN NÚÑEZ SR. SCHOLARSHIP 2026:

Sponsored by Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach, and Sea (WEBS)

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS (WEBS) works to build a community of environmental stewards around Netarts Bay watershed and the areas between Cape Meares and Cape Lookout. We use educational events, programs and activities, as well as informed scientifically based documents, to enhance knowledge of the important and unique qualities of the Netarts Bay Area. WEBS is committed to supporting local students who care about our natural resources and wish to promote science and conservation impacting future natural resource decisions affecting the Netarts Bay watershed.

\$500 SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be a current or past graduate of a Tillamook County high school or current resident of Tillamook County with at least 1 year of residency.
- Scholarships will be awarded to applicants pursuing a degree or certificate from a higher education institution, including a community college, trade school, vocational school, or university.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in, have applied to, or have been accepted into a program in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math (STEAM) field with an environmental focus. Examples of areas of focus include environmental education, oceanography, marine conservation, ocean engineering, estuary health, watershed ecology, biology, fisheries, or any other closely related field. If you are unsure whether your focus area qualifies, please reach out. We are happy to discuss this with you.
- Awardees must be enrolled in 6 or more credit hours per quarter (or the semester equivalent).
- Applicants may apply for the scholarship more than once on an annual basis.
- Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS reserves the right to not award scholarships if applicants do not meet the desired criteria.

APPLICATION MATERIAL:

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM.

Applications can be submitted using the [online form \(preferred\)](#) or by downloading the form and emailing or mailing the form before the deadline. [The downloadable form is available on the Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS website.](#) Application questions and essay details can be previewed below.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Please provide general contact information, school affiliations, and information about any advanced degree or other programs you have applied to.

2. List any work experience or other applicable life responsibilities (beyond school hours). You may also share your level of participation in scholastic organizations, school activities, or civic activities. Please share about any ways you were recognized for your work, contributions or leadership, if applicable.
3. List any work or practical experience you have in the natural resources field.

ONE PAGE ESSAY: In one page or less, describe your career goals in a STEAM focused field as described above. If you have participated in Netarts Bay WEBS programs or assisted in activities hosted by WEBS, please share about your experiences in this essay.

Looking for tips on writing a good essay? Here is a place to start

TWO REFERENCES: Applicants must provide the contact information for TWO references who can speak to the applicant's character, leadership abilities and dedication to academic pursuits, and their interest in making a positive impact on the environment and natural resources as defined above.

One reference should be a teacher, advisor, or community member. The second reference may be a personal reference from a non-related individual. Please provide each reference's name, position (if applicable), and contact information. Letters are NOT required.

TRANSCRIPTS: Unofficial transcripts or student view grade reports are not required but strongly encouraged.

TIMELINE

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 PM ON APRIL 26, 2026. The online application form closes at that time. Applications may also be emailed or mailed. Learn more on the [scholarship webpage](#).

APRIL 26 - May 4: The WEBS Scholarship Committee will review applications. The committee oversees reviewing and selecting scholarship winners and recommending recipients to the full WEBS board for approval. The committee may request to interview applicants.

SECOND WEEK OF MAY: The scholarship winners will be announced by the second week in May. Recipients may be asked to attend the April or May WEBS board meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Scholarship funds are sent directly to the institute of higher education for dispersal.

QUESTIONS: Please email questions to info@netartsbaywebs.org

* Indicates required question

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

The applicant must check that they understand the conditions for this scholarship. By checking the boxes, the applicant is confirming that they have read the requirements and each has been or will be met.

1. I am a current or past graduate of a Tillamook County high school *or* I am a current resident of Tillamook County with at least 1 year of residency. *

Check all that apply.

- I am a current or past graduate of a Tillamook County high school
- I am a current resident of Tillamook County with at least 1 year of residency.
- Other: _____

2. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants pursuing a degree or certificate from a higher education institution, including a community college, trade school, vocational school, or university. *

Applicants must be currently enrolled in, have applied to, or have been accepted into a program in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math (STEAM) field with an environmental focus. Examples of areas of focus include environmental education, oceanography, marine conservation, ocean engineering, estuary health, watershed ecology, biology, fisheries, or any other closely related field.

If you are unsure whether your focus area qualifies, please reach out. We are happy to discuss this with you.

Check all that apply.

I am/will be pursuing advanced education and/or degree in the above listed focus areas.

Other: _____

3. Awardees must be enrolled in 6 or more credit hours per quarter (or the semester equivalent).

Check all that apply.

I am or will be enrolled at 6 hours or more per quarter (or the semester equivalent.)

Other: _____

4. Applicants must provide the **contact information for TWO references** * who can speak to the applicant's character, leadership abilities, dedication to academic pursuits, and interest in making a positive impact on natural resources as described above.

One reference should be a teacher, advisor, or community member. The second reference may be a personal reference from a non-related individual. Please provide each reference's name, position, and contact information. **Letters of recommendation are not required.**

Check all that apply.

- I understand that I need to provide the contact information for TWO references.

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APPLICATION FORM:

5. **Full Name:** *

6. **E-mail Address** *

7. **Permanent Mailing Address** *

8. **Telephone** *

9. **How did you hear about this scholarship?: ***

10. **What institute of higher education will you be attending? ***

11. **Major Course of Study: ***

12. **Please list high schools, junior colleges, colleges, and trade schools you have attended. Include dates of attendance and graduations: ***

13. List any work experience or other applicable life responsibilities (beyond school hours) and/or share your level of participation in scholastic organizations, school activities, or civic activities. Please share about any ways you were recognized for your work, contributions or leadership, if applicable. *

Examples of applicable experiences to share may include athletics, clubs or activities, any volunteer work, paid and unpaid work experiences, ways you assist in your families success (caring for younger siblings or children while other caregivers work), work with your church, etc. Recongizations are not required but may include employee of the month, any recognition of excellent performance, awards or certificates, etc.

14. List any work or practical experience you have in the natural resources field: *

Please feel free to include school or nonschool experiences. This may include exploration, hunting, classwork, volunteer opportunities, etc.

15. Submit in one page or less, your career goals. Please share how your career goals align with the mission of WEBS. *

Learn more about Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS at www.netartsbaywebs.org.

16. **Have you participated in WEBS events in anyway? This could include participating in an event, assisting in an event as a volunteer, assisting in an event as part of a class, etc.**

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Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure

17. **If yes, please explain how you have participated.**

REFERENCES

The applicant must provide **TWO contacts for references with this application. Letters are NOT required.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to speak with each person selected as a reference about this scholarship opportunity prior to listing them. **One reference should be a teacher, an advisor or community member. The second reference may be a personal reference from a non-related person.**

18. **Reference 1:** *

Professional/Academic
Teacher, advisor, or appropriate community member

Provide:

- FULL NAME:
- PHONE NUMBER:
- EMAIL ADDRESS:

19. Describe how you know the above listed reference.
Examples: Current science teacher, college or high school advisor, supervisor, etc.

20. **Reference 2:** *

Professional or Personal Reference (non-related)

Provide:

- FULL NAME:
- PHONE NUMBER:
- EMAIL ADDRESS:

21. Describe how you know the above listed reference. *

Examples: Current science teacher, college or high school advisor, supervisor, etc.

22. **GPA:** Please list your current GPA. Please note, there is no minimal requirement for a GPA. You are welcome to use this space to also share or explain anything about your current GPA. *

23. **Transcripts:** Official high school and/or post-secondary transcripts are **NOT required to apply.** *

However, applicants **are strongly encouraged to submit** official or unofficial transcripts, or other grade reports (such as a student portal screenshot).

If transcripts are not provided at the time of application, they may be requested at a later date.

Mark only one oval.

- I would like to upload them using this form
- I would like to email them to the organization (please email them to info@netartsbaywebs.org).
- I am not providing them at this time.

24. **Optional:** Please share any additional items you feel are relevant to your application. For example, past applicants had requested to share letters from references or other materials highlighting their experiences. **This is completely optional and not required. Items may also be emailed with an explanation to info@netartsbaywebs.org.**

25. **Signing below indicates that you understand and agree to the following:**

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- The applicant certifies that the answers submitted are their own work and that the information provided in this application form is true.
- Applicant agrees that, if selected for a scholarship, the applicant will attend the institution listed above and will pursue the major course of study listed in the application for the duration of the academic year.
- The applicant understands and agrees that failure to comply with the above may render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship granted and the applicant may be required to return any remaining unused portions of the scholarship award to Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS.
- Submission of this completed application gives permission to Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS to utilize your name and/or picture for promotional purposes to further the mission of Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS. Concerns over the use of your name or image should be directed the Executive Director by emailing Director@netartsbaywebs.org.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE