DELMER R. MITCHELL
JOHN R. LONGLETT
JAMES A. RAPP
STEVEN E. SIEBERS
WILLIAM M. McCLEERY, JR.
TED M. NIEMANN
HAROLD B. OAKLEY
MICHAEL A. BICKHAUS
JAMES A. HANSEN
DAVID G. PENN
NATALIE L. OSWALD
JOSEPH B. OTT
JEFFREY L. TERRY
WILLIAM S. MECKES
JONATHAN S. HOOVER
KEVIN S. BROSS
COLE W. BRADSHAW
SHELBY N. CLINGING

schmiedeskamp
ROBERTSON NEU & MITCHELL LLP
LAWYERS

525 JERSEY
QUINCY, ILLINOIS 62301
(217) 223-3030 | FAX (217) 223-1005
WWW.SRNM.COM

CARL G. SCHMIEDESKAMP (1898-1987)
JOHN T. ROBERTSON (1916-1995)
RICHARD B. NEU (1936-2014)

OF COUNSEL
ALOK P. PATEL

January 29, 2024

Western High School
Mr. Ryan Sharkey, Principal
401 McDonough St.
Barry, IL 62312-1031

Dear Mr. Sharkey:

We are the attorneys for the J.L. Wade Foundation ("Wade Foundation"). The Wade Foundation was established to assist talented high school graduates residing in the Illinois counties of Pike, Calhoun, Scott, Greene, and Adams to obtain a scholarship for college education.

The directors of the Wade Foundation will be selecting recipients of a $5,000 scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year.

We have enclosed information regarding the Wade Foundation scholarships and the application process along with the scholarship application. We are requesting that you give the enclosed information and application to interested high school seniors in your school district or interested college students who have graduated from a high school in your school district. Each applicant will have to be enrolled in a college or university for the fall semester beginning in August or September 2024. All applications must be **postmarked or received by the Wade Foundation on or before April 15, 2024**. Up to five (5) recipients will be selected and the scholarships for those recipients will be paid directly to the recipients' college or university.

Please note that in accordance with the Bylaws of the Wade Foundation, special consideration will be given to otherwise qualified applicants who elect to pursue an undergraduate degree in natural science and/or reside in Pike County, Illinois.

The completed application is to be sent to J.L. Wade Foundation, c/o Schmiedeskamp Robertson Neu & Mitchell LLP, Attn: Michael A. Bickhaus, 525 Jersey Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

Thank you for your assistance in distributing this information to possible applicants. Should you have questions, please contact my assistant, Linda, or me.

Yours truly,
Schmiedeskamp Robertson Neu & Mitchell LLP

Michael A. Bickhaus

MAB:lb
Enclosure
c: Directors of the J. L. Wade Foundation

THE J.L. WADE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Offered without restriction as to age, gender, race, or religion.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The J.L. Wade Foundation Scholarship ("Scholarship") is a one-year scholarship administered by the J.L. Wade Foundation ("Foundation").

The Scholarship, awarded in memory of J.L. Wade, whose intention was to enhance the understanding of nature and its importance for a very rapidly developing world, is designed to assist and encourage talented high school graduates residing in the Illinois counties of Pike, Calhoun, Scott, Greene, and Adams, with an emphasis on those students pursuing degrees to promote the study of nature and the preservation of the environment and supporting studies related to nature **(e.g. agricultural science, atmospheric science, coastal zone management, environmental engineering, environmental chemistry and toxicology, environmental health, environmental law, fisheries management and conservation, marine biology, etc.)** The scholarship will assist those seeking to obtain the benefits of a college education.

The recipient of the scholarship will receive Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) to assist with the cost of tuition at a college or university. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university selected by the recipient. Students who are awarded the scholarship may apply, by providing an updated scholarship application, to renew the scholarship annually for undergraduate studies for three (3) consecutive years. The renewal of the scholarship, as with the initial scholarship, is dependent upon the recipient complying with scholarship guidelines and the availability of funding.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications will be accepted through **MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024** for the Scholarship. The Foundation will pay $5,000.00 to the undergraduate college or university the recipient is attending for the school year beginning in the Fall semester of the current calendar year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

An applicant must be accepted to attend an undergraduate college or university for the fall semester of the current calendar year and must have permanent residence in a county served by the Foundation. Students having permanent residence in Pike, Calhoun, Scott, Greene, or Adams County, Illinois are eligible to apply. The Scholarship will be awarded and paid to the recipient's college or university prior to the commencement of the fall semester.

In selecting the scholarship recipient(s) each year, the following shall be relevant factors:

- The academic record of the applicant, evidenced by the applicant's grades and test scores;
- Recommendations of applicant's principals, teachers, professors, or guidance counselors;
- Extra-curricular activities in which the applicant participated; and
- An evaluation of the character and motivation of the applicant based on personal interviews of the applicants may be considered at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
- Additionally, special consideration will be given to otherwise qualified applicants who elect to pursue a degree in natural science and/or reside in Pike County, Illinois.

Other than as set forth above, there are no criteria or limitations with respect to the scholarships awarded. Scholarship awards are made on an objective, nondiscriminatory basis by the Foundation's designated representatives.

The J.L. Wade Foundation
Scholarship – Application
(please type or print clearly)

Applicant:_____Phone #:_____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code County

E-mail address: _____

Social Security #:_____ Date of Birth:_____

High School Attending/Attended:_____County:_____

College Attending for Fall Semester, 2024: _____

Part I. *To be completed by the applicant's high school guidance counselor if the applicant is still in high school. If the applicant is out of high school and attending a college or university, skip to Part II.*

I, _____, verify that the above-named student is a current high school senior at _____ in _____ County, Illinois. I further verify that upon the satisfactory completion of the current academic semester, he/she will graduate from high school and will be eligible to attend a college or university beginning in the Fall of 2024.

_____ Date: _____, 2024
Guidance Counselor's name (Printed)

_____ _____
High School Address High School Phone #

_____ _____
High School Address (cont.) Guidance Office #

_____
Guidance Counselor's Signature

***To the guidance counselor:** *Please send a certified copy of the applicant's transcript to the address given on page 5.*

Part II. *To be completed by the applicant's college or university academic advisor. If the applicant is still in high school, skip Part II.*

I, _____, verify that the above-named student is a current student at _____, majoring in _____. I further verify that he/she is in good academic standing as of the date of the execution of this application.

_____ Date: _____, 2024
Academic Advisor's name and Title (Print)

_____ _____
Advisor's Office Address Office Phone #

_____
Advisor's Office Address (cont.)

_____
Academic Advisor's Signature

Part III. Recommendations.

Please submit, along with your completed application, at least two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, guidance counselors, professors, or other relevant school personnel. Feel free to submit additional letters of recommendation from those who are familiar with you and your academic goals. Each letter of recommendation should be sealed in an envelope and bear the recommender's signature across the seal.

Part IV. *To be completed by the applicant.*

I, _____, am currently a _____ in _____.
Grade Level High school/College

For the academic year to which this scholarship would apply I will be a _____ in
Grade Level

college at _____.
Name of College or University, if known

Academic Record. *Respond to all that apply.*

High School GPA: _____/_____ College GPA: _____/_____

ACT Score: _____ Date taken: _____ SAT: Overall _____ Date taken: _____

Verbal _____ Math _____

Educational Goals.

Expected Date of College Graduation: _____ Major: _____
Month/Year

Career Goal: _____

Extracurriculars/Honors.

List extracurricular activities. Note whether participation occurred during high school or college.

_____

_____

_____

_____

List any Honors or Awards received. Include honors and awards received outside academia.

_____

_____

_____

_____

Other Relevant Information. *Please provide any additional information you feel will be helpful to the scholarship committee in reviewing your application.*

_____

_____

_____

In addition to the above, please attach an essay of 500 or less words explaining the reasons you comply with J. L. Wade's intention for this Scholarship and should be chosen to receive it.

Certification.

I hereby certify that, should I be awarded the Scholarship: (1) I will be a full-time college undergraduate student during the period of the award; (2) I will use the aid only for payment of tuition, required fees, room and board.

I further certify that all information contained herein is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____, 2024

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Applicant is under age 21): _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____ Date: _____, 2024

Send Completed Application to:

J.L. Wade Foundation
c/o Schmiedeskamp Robertson Neu & Mitchell LLP
Attn: Michael A. Bickhaus.
525 Jersey Street
Quincy, IL 62301

To be completed by J.L. Wade Foundation Scholarship Committee

Date of Review: _____

Granted Scholarship Amount: _____
Denied
Incomplete Application
Other Specify: _____

Date Scholarship Award Letter Sent: _____
Date Evidence of Enrollment Received: _____
Date Scholarship Awarded: _____

Award Sent To: _____
_____
_____