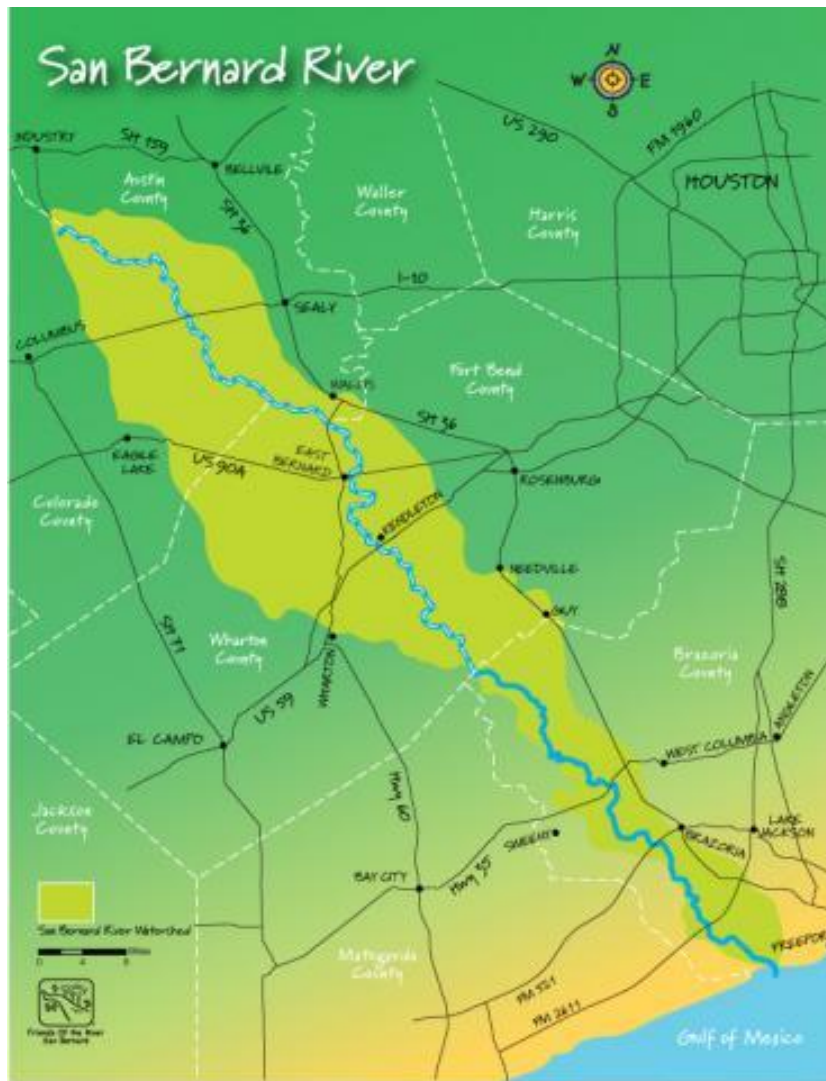


2020-2021 San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Program

Friends Of the River (FOR) San Bernard is a 501(c)(3) organization consisting of volunteers who are passionate about preserving, protecting and promoting the San Bernard River for future generations. 87% of Houston metropolitan area waterways are no longer suitable for contact recreation. FOR volunteers work tirelessly to ensure “the best little river in Texas” never causes that alarming statistic to increase. FOR programs include youth education where the FOR Rangers deliver a watershed environmental program to fifth graders, land conservation easements, Clean Team’s river clean up and Adopt-A-Highway, public speaking, as well as the 4th of July and lighted Christmas boat parades.

Seniors — it is your generation to whom the future health and well being of the San Bernard River watershed will be entrusted. Friends Of the River San Bernard will provide financial awards toward actual college tuition and book expenses to selected individuals based on the following program guidelines.

Applications will be evaluated and winners selected by a Scholarship Committee, consisting of members of the FOR Board and Environmental Committee.



Program Guidelines:

1. Applicants must reside or have a primary residence in, or attend a high school with an attendance zone in the San Bernard Watershed.
2. Applicants must demonstrate a direct connection between the career they intend to pursue and the betterment of the environment. Possible career paths might include, but are not limited to, environmental sciences, environmental law, agriculture, certain engineering disciplines, science education, scientific research, etc. Any reasonable connection between the applicant's chosen career path and the betterment of the environment will be considered.
3. Applicants may only apply during their senior year and must graduate from high school at the conclusion of the school year during which the application is submitted.
4. Completed applications must be **received by the committee between February 1st and April 15th**.
5. The scholarship awards will be announced in early May each calendar year.
6. Winners shall be present at your school's awards ceremony.
7. All decisions made by the San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Committee are final.
8. Each **complete** application will be evaluated based on the documents provided to the San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Committee. Only those applications meeting all program requirements will be considered.
9. It is the responsibility of each applicant to keep the Scholarship Committee apprised of any change of address and/or contact information. Failure to provide adequate information will disqualify an application.

Program Process:

Phase One:

- Complete the application following all instructions
- Obtain letters of recommendation from officials of an environmental organization, environmental authority or environmental agency, or from a science teacher, counselor and/or principal (minimum of two letters required and none can be written by a relative.) Letters should be originals on the organization's letterhead, sealed by the author in an envelope and submitted to the Scholarship Committee unopened
- Submit a copy of your high school transcript
- You have two options to send in your documents (Email is preferred, but either option is acceptable.)
 - a. Email pdf's of your documents to jwmuskopf@gmail.com
 - b. Mail documents to:
Friends Of the River San Bernard
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 93
Brazoria, TX 77422

Phase Two:

- All applications meeting the program guidelines will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee and a maximum of six winners will be selected.

Phase Three:

- Winners will be notified to attend the awards ceremony where a representative from the San Bernard Watershed Scholarship committee will present the award.

Administering Awarded Scholarships:

Scholarship funding will be administered by the Friends Of the River San Bernard. 100% of the award amount will be distributed to each recipient upon submittal of proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university to the Scholarship Committee. Proof shall consist of receipts for tuition, books, school fees.

Failure to provide this information by **October 15th of the year in which the scholarship is awarded** will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. Any scholarship awards forfeited will remain in the Scholarship Fund of Friends Of the River San Bernard and may be considered for distribution to alternate scholarship winners at the Scholarship Committee's discretion.

San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name	Applicant's Parents Name (complete if minor)
Address:	Address:
Phone #	Phone #
E-mail address:	E-mail address:

Applicant's Current School: (Name, Address, Phone #)
Planned high school graduation date:
College where you plan to enroll (College Name, Address and Phone #)
Planned enrollment date:
Planned course of study or degree pursued:

What are your goals for education and initial employment?

What are your long term goals (10 years after graduation and beyond?)

Give a brief description of your school and social activities and achievements (i.e. Scholastic awards, clubs, offices held, hobbies, special talents and/or interests)

Please list volunteer activities in which you have participated:

Describe how your chosen career path will have a direct positive impact on the environment:

- ✓ I acknowledge and understand to be considered for the San Bernard Watershed Scholarship Program I must complete and submit all the required information within the time frame allotted.
- ✓ I also understand I must be present at the awards ceremony to accept any scholarship funding.
- ✓ It will be my responsibility to keep Friends Of the River San Bernard apprised of any change of address and/or contact information. Failure to provide adequate information will disqualify my application.
- ✓ I have read and understand the program guidelines, requirements and funding process.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parental Authorization/Consent: I, _____, authorize the applicant of this scholarship to participate in all phases of the scholarship program. I further understand it is my responsibility as the applicant's parent to ensure their security and safety while performing and/or engaging in the scholarship process.

_____ **Parent's Signature**

_____ **Date**

Administrative Area:

Phase One documents received: ___/___/___ by _____

Accepted Rejected Notes: _____

Scholarship Application reviewed by Committee: ___/___/___

Application Review Decision: Scholarship Awarded \$ _____
 No Scholarship Awarded

Winners notified on: ___/___/___ by _____