

Dear High School Senior,

In 2002, a group of local sportsmen and sportswomen joined together to form a chapter of Waterfowl U.S.A. Our chapter name is Southwestern Lake Erie Chapter. Waterfowl U.S.A. is a non-profit organization that is committed to local habitat issues. Seventy percent of the proceeds raised at our various functions throughout the year stays in the local area for habitat projects. We are committed to raising "Local Bucks for Local Ducks". As an organization we feel it is very important to help future conservationists with their cost towards college.

This year we are giving out a \$1,500 scholarship award to a senior going into Natural Resources Management, Wildlife Management or something similar. The scholarship name is the "Jerry Bartnik/Earl Cousino Memorial Scholarship". Both of these individuals were outstanding individuals along with carrying a strong passion for conservation and the outdoors. They also both valued higher education.

The process for applying, is writing a one to two page essay on where you are planning to attend college, your passion for the outdoors, hobbies and what your degree will potentially be in. The application deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All applications can be mailed to Waterfowl U.S.A. Southwestern Lake Erie Chapter, P.O Box 151, Erie, MI 48133. The winner of the scholarship will also be offered free dinner tickets for you & your parents to our annual banquet on February 29, 2020 at Dusseau's Reception Hall in Ida, MI. For more information please contact Bill Jacobs at 734-848-4481.

We thank you for your interest!

Sincerely, Bill Jacobs

Waterfowl U.S.A., SWLEC Vice Chairman.