

Academic



scholarship



Washington State
Department of Transportation

2014 Bridging Futures Academic Scholarship

The I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to one high school student planning to attend college in the next two years and a \$500 scholarship to the runner-up.

Eligibility

Applicants considered for this scholarship must:

1. Be a high school student in Washington state planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education within the next two calendar years (present through Dec. 31, 2015)
2. Complete all portions of the application and include your essay, pictures of your design, and official, sealed transcripts.
3. Mail or email this application and all enclosures no later than May 2, 2014, to:

I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition
3600 15th Ave W #101
Seattle, WA 98119
info@i90wildlifebridges.org

Judging will be conducted throughout May. A top five will be selected by mid-May by internal I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition and Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) staff. The Top five will be passed along to a panel of transportation experts for final judging with winners announced by June 2, 2014. If you are selected into our top five, we will make arrangements to collect materials associated for final judging.

How to enter

The Washington Department of Transportation is building a new six-lane highway on I-90 east of Snoqualmie Pass through the Cascade Mountains. As part of the project, WSDOT will build the first wildlife overcrossing in the state located east of Keechelus Dam within the Price / Noble Creek Connectivity Emphasis Area.

Help be a part of the design by:

- Submit a model, blueprint, or graphic design of what you think the wildlife overcrossing will look like. The model could be made out of any kind of material that best illustrates your idea. The model should be larger than 1'x1'x1' and may not exceed 3'x3'x3'. You could also create an image using a computer-aided design program (CAD or Photoshop), or submit a hand drawing.
- In addition to the model, please provide an essay more than 500 words, but not to exceed two pages, describing your model and how it demonstrates wildlife connectivity.

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Resources are available to help you design your model and provide background information about the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project, the unique location of the proposed overpass, landscape and wildlife living in and around the project, and examples of wildlife crossing structures at i90wildlifebridges.org/bridging-futures-2014

The student and / or parent are responsible for the purchase of any materials or computer programs needed to design the overcrossing and will not be reimbursed by the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition or WSDOT.

Judging criteria:

Judges are looking for your model and essay to demonstrate your understanding of the biological, geological, and social aspects of the I-90 corridor and wildlife crossing planned at the Price/Nobel Creek connectivity enhancement area.

- Did your design take any considerations for specific species and wildlife along the I-90 corridor?
- What are the engineering and environmental challenges for building a wildlife crossing structure within the Price/Noble Creek connectivity enhancement area?
- Could the model be constructed in this location and cross the appropriate number of lanes?
- Did you consider what motorists will experience as they drive under the wildlife overcrossing?

Scholarship:

The first place student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship toward college and a certificate. The runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship toward college and a certificate.

Financial awards will be awarded directly to the educational institution that the student is or will be enrolled in during the calendar years 2014-2015. Money will be distributed to that institution in the student's name toward their enrollment expenses. A letter of commitment to this financial award from the coalition to the student will be presented at the time of their award in the case that they are not already enrolled in a higher education institution.



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Application

Today's date: _____

Name: _____

Permanent address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Name of parent/guardian with whom you reside: _____

Extracurricular Activities

List membership in school and non-school related organizations and clubs, elected leadership positions, awards received for school or community involvement and job experience:

School Information

Name of high school: _____

Grade level: _____

Current cumulative GPA (not weighted): _____

Expected graduation date: _____

College preference: _____

Major study area: _____

Signature

By signing this form, I hereby grant the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition and the Washington State Department of Transportation unconditional right to use my name, essay and model in connection with press releases and other publicity activities. I also certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements for the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____