



Larson-Veneklasen Outdoor Education Scholarship Application

Application Instructions: Please fill in all areas that apply. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants must be 16 years or older.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Permanent /Home Address: _____

Address (Cont'd) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Phone at permanent residence: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Are you a US citizen or permanent resident? _____ Race: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardians(s) if under 18 years old: _____

Larson-Veneklasen Outdoor Education Scholarship restricted to Outward Bound, National Outdoor Leadership School, and Wilderness Inquiry programs: _____

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- Please attach acceptance letter with application for proof of admittance.
 - Please attach an essay of not more than 300 words telling us about yourself. You may include your reasons for participating in this outdoor experience program and/or your personal goals and/or information about how your past activities have shaped you.

In checking this box and submitting this form, I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application (excluding financial information) in any media form and type of publication, including annual reports and newsletters, and grant to the Foundation any and all rights to said use without compensation.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18

Date



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During the 1980s, Ken Larson and Diane Veneklasen team-taught a class for eighth graders called "Outdoor Education". Ken designed the class with the Outward Bound philosophy in mind: "to inspire character development and self-discovery...through challenge and adventure".

Ken and Susan Larson, along with Diane Veneklasen, started this Scholarship Fund to make awards to individuals wishing to participate in an educational, outdoor experience. The purpose of the Larson - Veneklasen Fund is to provide encouragement, support and opportunity to a student, to an educator, or to anyone who wants to explore the skills provided through a choice of three nationally recognized programs. **Outward Bound** offers programs for struggling teens and young adults, US veterans, those interested in careers in the outdoors, youth grieving the loss of a loved one, and adults going through family, career, or other life changes. **National Outdoor Leadership School** offers wilderness skills, risk management, environmental studies, and wilderness medicine. **Wilderness Inquiry** offers access, inclusion, and opportunity. The designers of this program believe that "exploration of the natural world is a birthright we all share." Their programs make full participation by everyone, including people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities, possible. Each of these programs is designed to facilitate individuals in developing skills that lead to discovery of their strengths of character, development of their ability to lead, and foster the desire to serve. Each program will enable individuals, of all ages, to expand their horizons as well as challenge themselves to accomplish more than they thought possible.

Applicants must be Tri-Cities residents who are 16 years or older and can apply for this scholarship at any time. Please visit your school's guidance office or call the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation at 616-842-6378 for an application and additional information.

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