



## **Okefenokee Swamp Park's Science Scholar Annual Scholarship**

The Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc. (OSP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to showcasing and conserving the wildlife and vast wilderness, waterways, habitats, and rich cultural history of the Okefenokee Swamp. The organization's mission is to provide visitor access and interpretive education that inspires conservation advocacy for the Okefenokee Swamp. Our organization is also dedicated to influencing growth in science-related fields in the Okefenokee RESA area school districts (Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware).

The OSP has created this scholarship to recognize and reward an OK RESA district high school senior who, in addition to having a strong desire to communicate with others about the importance of science, research, science education and/or science advocacy, has been accepted to a post-secondary institution and is planning on majoring in one of the sciences (Biological, Physical, or Science Education). Preference will be given to those applicants who provide evidence of a profound bond to the ecosystems in the Okefenokee RESA district, including, but not limited, to the Okefenokee Swamp.

The Okefenokee Swamp Park's Science Scholar will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in the spring of their senior year and a Lifetime Pass for entrance into the Okefenokee Swamp Park. Upon his/her graduation with a degree in Biological or Physical Sciences, or Science Education, the OSP Science Scholar will also receive a "congratulatory" \$500 stipend.



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**Application Form (Page 1)**

**Due March 25, 2022; by 5:00 PM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ **Attach copy of current transcript.**

Address of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Which college are you planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed College Major \_\_\_\_\_



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List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school:

List extracurricular/club activities and any awards or honors received:

List your hobbies and outside interests:

List any school-related or non-school related volunteer activities in which you have participated:



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### **Essay**

**Please respond to the following essay prompts. (One-Two pages; single spaced)**

Why are you planning to pursue a postsecondary degree in one of the Biological/Physical Sciences or Science Education? How do you intend to use your degree after graduating from college?



### **Application Packet Checklist:**

- o Completed Application Form (2 pages)
- o Essay (1-2 pages; single spaced)
- o 2 letters of recommendation at least 1 from a high school staff member
- o High School Transcript

### **Application Packet Submission:**

Completed application packets may be submitted electronically or via USPS mail and must be received by **5:00 PM on March 25, 2022.**

1. For those choosing to submit electronically you can scan and attach documents and then transmit via one email to Dr. Greg Jacobs, Executive Director at [gjacobson@okresa.org](mailto:gjacobs@okresa.org)
2. For those choosing to submit via USPS, you will need to submit your completed application packet (all documents/letters of recommendation, etc.), in **one package** to the attention of:

Dr. Greg Jacobs, Executive Director  
Okefenokee RESA  
1450 N. Augusta Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31503

***Complete application packets*** will be reviewed by the OSP Scholarship Committee. The top three applicants will be selected for interviews with the committee. After interviews the OSP Science Scholarship will be awarded. The decisions of the OSP Scholarship Interview Committee are final.

