



LOUISIANA LEMUR FOUNDATION

2019-2020

CONSERVATION HERO SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKET





Conservation Hero Scholarship Program Description

The Louisiana Lemur Foundation (LLF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in southeast Louisiana that is committed to the conservation of the most endangered group of primates in the world: lemurs. The overall goal of LLF is to participate in lemur conservation efforts both in the United States and Madagascar, the latter being the only natural home to lemurs. The main way LLF plans to do this is by rescuing, rehabilitating, and housing lemurs that have been subjected to the pet-trade. There is a desperate need for sanctuary and rehabilitation space for these lemurs and it is our mission to fill that need.

We are currently working to establish the Louisiana Lemur Center with the goal of housing rescued pet trade lemurs and giving them the most fulfilling lives possible. The center will be a multi-acre, forested facility in southeast Louisiana that provides a naturalistic style of living to its lemurs while also contributing to our scientific knowledge about these unique primates through non-invasive research. The center will serve the community as an “outdoor classroom” to educate the public about all things lemur and the importance of conservation and biodiversity as a whole.

Our organization’s commitment to education is what inspired us to develop the **Louisiana Lemur Foundation Conservation Hero Scholarship Program**. The program honors local high school students interested in honing their leadership, communication, and outreach skills while promoting awareness of the LLF mission. Ideal candidates are students with an exemplary academic record, involvement in the community, and interest in advocating for a non-profit organization. Each student will be asked to reach a fundraising goal of **\$5,000** for LLF by **Spring 2020** before our Spring gala event. This can be accomplished through various methods, and a list of suggestions is included in the scholarship packet.

All students selected for the program will gain the honor of being an official **Louisiana Lemur Foundation Conservation Hero** and become lifetime members of this group. Selected students also have the opportunity to participate in various events that the foundation hosts and/or attends. This includes, but is not limited to: trips to local zoos and wildlife facilities; LLF mobile education presentations; and access to sit in on LLF development meetings.

Ten students will be selected from various Northshore area high schools. The **top 3 fundraisers** will each be awarded a one-time scholarship from the foundation to be used towards their college tuition and fees. These scholarships will be awarded at the Spring 2020 gala and will be valued at: **\$1,500** for the top fundraiser; **\$1,000** for the second highest fundraiser; and **\$500** for the third highest fundraiser. If each student does not meet their \$5,000 goal, the top 3 fundraisers will be awarded 25% of what they individually raised. Interested students should submit an application and short essay by **Wednesday July 31, 2019**. LLF will notify selected students by **Friday August 9, 2019**.

The Louisiana Lemur Foundation stands for conservation, education, and scientific discovery. With the Conservation Hero Scholarship Program, we hope to empower a unique group of young ambassadors who advocate not just for our organization, but also others that seek to improve our community. We hope that we can count on your support and partnership to help us reach our goal, starting with the Louisiana Lemur Center becoming a reality!



Conservation Hero Scholarship Application Form

**All applications must be typed. Hand-written applications will NOT be accepted. Please submit application and short essay to info@louisianalemurs.org*

Full Name:

Address:

Graduation Date:

High School:

Cumulative GPA:

T-shirt Size (to receive a complimentary LLF t-shirt if selected for the program):

Clubs/Extracurriculars:

Name of Group	Position(s) Held	# of Years Involved

- 1. Have you applied to a college or university? If so, which one(s) and have you been accepted?**
- 2. Give a brief description and examples to demonstrate your positive work ethic.**
- 3. Describe your participation in community service projects. Include duration and number of years of service (i.e. volunteering at a canned food drive for 3 summers). What did you learn most from your community service?**
- 4. Who is someone you greatly admire and why?**
- 5. Are you able to commit to at least 5 of the planned “check-in” meetings with the LLF team? (see the following page of this application packet for details).**
- 6. In half to one-page length typed, explain why you want to be a Louisiana Lemur Foundation Conservation Hero.**



Conservation Hero Scholarship Check-in Schedule

One goal of the LLF team is to establish strong working relationships with each of the Conservation Hero Scholarship participants. In order to do so, the team would like to meet with the group of students on the **first Saturday of every month*** until the end of the program in May 2020. This will give the team a chance to check in with each scholarship participant, to see how their fundraising progress is going, and to offer advice, guidance, and feedback. This also gives LLF an opportunity to thank the students in person for their hard work!

*exception: August 17, 2019; the first Saturday after scholarship participants are selected

2019

August 17 – Meet & Greet Dinner Party

September 7 – Sit in on LLF Team Meeting: Fall Event Planning

Scholarship participants receive 2 complimentary tickets to the LLF 2019 Fall Event

October 5 – Audubon Zoo

November 2 – Sit in on LLF Team Meeting: subject TBA

December 7 – Paint Party at Lola's Art Experience

2020

January 4 – Sit in on LLF Team Meeting: subject TBA

February 1 – Audubon Aquarium

March 7 – Sit in on LLF Team Meeting: Spring Gala Planning

Scholarship participants receive 2 complimentary tickets to the LLF 2020 Spring Gala

April 4 – Eco Swamp Tour

May 2 – Sit in on LLF Team Meeting: subject TBA

The LLF team will contact scholarship participants with specific times and details for each check-in meeting as the dates get closer. Plans are tentative and subject to change.



Conservation Hero Scholarship Potential Fundraising Methods

Here are some suggested fundraising strategies to get you started. Be creative and have fun!

- Sell Louisiana Lemur Foundation Spring Gala/other event tickets
- Collect auction items
 - Ask local businesses, friends, and family for items with specific monetary values that LLF can include in the Fall event and Spring gala silent auctions.
- Host a bake sale
- Host a car washing event
- Have a yard sale
- Create a crowdfunding account, like GoFundMe or Kickstarter
- Be a dog walker/pet-sitter
- Collect recycling
 - Use this as a learning experience to show peers how to properly recycle items as well as what items can have a longer lifespan (for example, recycling containers as flower pots to sell seedlings).
- Clean out your closet
 - Sell your gently used clothes and accessories to a local consignment store
- Organize a restaurant proceeds night
 - Find a local restaurant that will give back a certain percentage of its proceeds on a particular date. Promote the night by spreading the word with pictures and video on social media.
- Get crafty
 - Make and sell wreaths or greeting cards for different holidays
- The Classics
 - Sell chocolate, popcorn, cookie dough, flowers, gift wrap, coupon books, etc.

For further questions, please contact the Louisiana Lemur Foundation team at info@louisianalemurs.org



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Graduating high school next year? Looking for **college scholarship money**? Become a **Louisiana Lemur Foundation Conservation Hero!**

Through participation in a competitive fundraising program, **three Northshore area Class of 2020** students will be awarded a one-time scholarship from the Louisiana Lemur Foundation valued at:

\$1,500, \$1,000, OR \$500!

For more details and to download an application packet, please visit:

www.louisianalemurs.org

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