



## **Virginia R. Rollefson Environmental Leadership Scholarship**

***To recognize high school students residing in the Lower Connecticut River Valley who have demonstrated leadership and initiative in promoting conservation, preservation, restoration, or environmental education.***

*The scholarship is presented by The Rockfall Foundation and named in honor of Virginia “Ginny” Rollefson who was the Executive Director of the Foundation for 25 years. The award honors Ginny’s long service to the Foundation, her enthusiasm for its mission and programs, her commitment to supporting environmental education, and her belief that we all benefit when young people are actively engaged in making their communities a better place to live. Residents of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook are eligible to apply. Employees, trustees, and committee members of The Rockfall Foundation and members of the immediate family of any such persons are not eligible to apply.*

***The award is a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for study at an educational institution.***

**Purpose:** The Virginia R. Rollefson Environmental Leadership Scholarship serves to recognize a high school junior or senior for his/her participation in a program, project, or activity that benefits conservation, preservation, restoration or environmental education. One scholarship is awarded each year to a student who demonstrates leadership and initiative and will be presented at the recipient’s school awards ceremony.

### **Application Checklist:**

- Thoroughly complete the attached application form.
- Submit a letter of reference from a teacher or someone familiar with the project, program, or activity.
- Submit a minimum of one and maximum of six photos depicting the project, program, or activity.
- Supplemental material may be submitted at the discretion of the applicant.
- Finalists will be interviewed by the Selection Committee at a time and place to be determined.

**Submit** all materials by Thursday, **March 12, 2020** via email to:  
**amanda@rockfallfoundation.org** Please use **Scholarship** in the subject line.

Application materials may also be submitted on a USB flash drive by mail or hand delivery to The Rockfall Foundation, 27 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm, but please call ahead to 860-347-0340.

Please note: The scholarship recipient will be required to submit a report to the Foundation upon completion of the first academic period.

**THE ROCKFALL FOUNDATION** *promotes and supports environmental education and conservation in the Lower Connecticut River Valley.*

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**The Rockfall Foundation**  
**Virginia R. Rollefson Environmental Leadership Scholarship**

**Application Form**

**Applicant**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Project/Activity Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Project/Activity Primary Location:

School    Town    Non-Profit    Other \_\_\_\_\_

One sentence description of Program/Project/Activity:

Description of Photos Attached:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Required:**

Include a letter of reference from a teacher or someone familiar with the project, program, or activity.

**Narrative Description:**

Describe your program/project.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the user to provide a narrative description of their program or project.

Identify the impact of your work on the environment and/or on people in your community.

Describe the actions that demonstrated your commitment to the issue your project addresses.

Describe any broader communication, education or outreach related to your project.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_