The members of Big Catch Angler Association are proud to announce its annual scholarship program. The objective of this program is to provide financial assistance to incoming college freshmen who exhibit a diligent commitment to fulfill life's goals through education.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduating senior at a Chicago or suburban public high school.
- Submit official high school transcripts.
- Submit A.C.T. / S.A.T. Scores.
- Complete an Application Profile (see page 4 of application).
- Submit a typewritten persuasive essay (450 to 500 words maximum) on the following topic:

> ***"What are your most important extracurricular activities or community service? What made you begin these activities?" What made you continue them? Also, please refer to the Essay Format Guidelines for more information.***

- Supply two (2) letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation shall attest to the applicant's character and commitment to higher education. We recommend both come from your referring institution, but at least one from your referring institution.

- Submit an official acceptance letter from an accredited four year college or university.

AWARD

Four scholars may be selected. Each selected scholar will receive an award of $500.

APPLICATION PROFILE FORM
(PRINT or TYPE)

Name:_____   Age:_____   Gender:_____

Home Address:_____   Phone:_____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s):_____

Parent/Guardian(s) Address: (*if different from Applicant's*)

_____

City/State/Zip Code:_____

Citizen of the United State?   Yes ( )   No ( )

High School:_____

Referring Institution (High School, Church, etc.)_____

Composite ACT Score: _____

Total SAT Score: _____

Scholastic Awards/Honors (if necessary, attach additional sheet(s))

Extracurricular Activities (if necessary, attach additional sheet(s))

CERTIFICATION

        I, _____, certify that the statements and information
set forth herein are true and accurate.

_____   _____
Signature   Date

APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Official High School Transcript(s)

- ✓ A.C.T and/or S.A.T. Scores

- ✓ Completed Application Profile Form

- ✓ Typewritten Essay (450 to 500 words maximum)

- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

- ✓ University/College Acceptance Letter

- ✓ Submitted Application Due May 31, 2023 by 5:00 PM CST

IMPORTANT!

Completed package (see checklist above) MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2023 by 5:00 PM CST at the following address:

P.O. BOX 2603 Country Club Hills, IL. 60478

NOTES:
1. *"Received" does not mean "postmarked!" The term "received" means that ALL application materials must be in the possession of Big Catch Angler Association by the noted date and time.*

2. *Failure to follow either application and/or submission instructions shall result in immediate disqualification.*

ESSAY FORMAT GUIDELINES

Essays submitted with this application must adhere to the following format guidelines:

1. The name of the applicant, name of applicant's high school, and date of the essay must appear **single-spaced** in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the essay;

2. The title of the essay must be centered above the body of the essay and below the name, high school, and date of essay;

3. Essays must be typewritten in Times New Roman 12 point font;

4. The body of the essay must be **double-spaced** with the first line of each new paragraph indented no more than one half inch (1/2");

5. The top and bottom margins must be set to one inch (1");

6. The left and right margins must be set to one inch (1"); and

7. The length of the essay must be between 450 to 500 words;

Failure to adhere to all guidelines set forth herein may result in an applicant's disqualification.

The following is a sample of the layout and format expected of all essay submissions:

Name of Applicant
Name of High School
Date of Essay

Title of Essay

The body of the essay shall begin here. The body of the essay must be double-spaced with the first line of each new paragraph indented no more than one half inch (1/2"). The top and bottom page margins must be set to one inch (1"). The left and right margins must be set to one inch (1"). The font must be Times New Roman 12 point font. The length of the essay must be between 450 to 500 words.

Applicants are advised that elements of the essay evaluation criteria include (but are not limited to): grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, diction, and sentence structure. Additionally, applicants are advised that other elements of the essay evaluation criteria include (but are not limited to): presence of a clearly-stated thesis, well-developed paragraphs, adherence to the topic, persuasiveness of the argument, and a strong conclusion.