



**Sources of Knowledge Bursary for
National Park and Protected Areas Studies**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY
ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Purpose

- 1) To provide financial support to a qualifying secondary student for post-secondary study in the field of environmental conservation or other field related to a prospective career with Parks Canada.
- 2) Thereby, to assist Parks Canada in meeting its obligation for local employment under clauses 15 and 16 of Appendix A of the *Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to Establish a National Park and a National Marine Park in the Township of St. Edmunds* dated July 20, 1987.
- 3) To further the stated goal of the Sources of Knowledge Forum to “encourage and enable youth to be stewards of this remarkable place.”

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. Bursary applicants shall be “local”

“Local” for the purpose of the bursary will be defined as an eligible elector or dependant living with an eligible elector from within the boundaries of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula at the time of applying for the bursary or a member of the Saugeen Ojibway Nations (who have a hunting reserve in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula).

2. Academic standing

- Applicants should have achieved an overall good academic standing on all Grade 12 course work. The applicant will provide the committee with a copy of a recent transcript of their academic records as part of their application package.

3. Demonstrated interest in a career in conservation or in a field related to a prospective career with Parks Canada

- Applicants must describe their interest through a 500 word essay as part of the Application package

Table 1- Examples of career fields and careers within Parks Canada.

Career Field	Career Examples
Resource Conservation	Ecologist, GIS Specialist, Visitor Safety Specialist, Park Warden
Visitor Services	Park Interpreter, Graphic Designer
Asset Management & Maintenance	Carpenter, Mechanic, Utility Craftsman (plumber/electrician), Engineer
Administration	Financial Administration, Human Resources, Project Management, Aboriginal Liaison, Program Manager, Public Relation and Communications Manager, Web Content Developer

4. Demonstrated involvement in Community Service

- Applicants must provide a detailed list of their community service activities, and an outline of the time commitment of each activity. Greater weight will be given to volunteer community service that is environmental in nature.

References

To support their application, applicants will provide the names of two individuals that the selection committee can consult as references. One of these should be an academic reference (teacher) and one should be another member of the community.

Proof of acceptance

The successful applicant must demonstrate proof of acceptance into a relevant program at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution. Relevant programs include, but are not limited to: natural sciences, resource management, environmental studies, geography, social science, computer science, environmental planning, mechanic, electrician, education, outdoor recreation and tourism, engineering etc. as judged by members of the Bursary Selection Committee.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of a completed application by the school Guidance Counsellor is May 15, 2026.

Applications should be given (in hard-copy or pdf via email) to the school's Guidance Counsellor who will forward them promptly to the:

The Selection Committee
Sources of Knowledge Forum
Box 18
Tobermory, Ontario N0H 2R0
info@sourcesofknowledge.ca

Amount of Award

The Sources of Knowledge Forum aims to provide an award of up to \$1,500 annually to each successful candidate. The total number of awards given in any one year may vary depending on available funding and the suitability of candidates.

The Sources of Knowledge Forum will consider providing subsequent awards of \$500 - \$1500 pending funding to students who continue their studies in a course of study relevant to the mandate of SOK beyond their first year. Awards will be granted at the discretion of the SOK Committee, and will be dependent on the funds available to SOK to do so.

Selection Committee

The award of the bursary will be made by a committee, which shall consist of at least one representative from each of the following organizations:

- Sources of Knowledge Forum,
- Parks Canada, and
- Bruce Peninsula District School/Peninsula Shores District School.

In making their decision, the committee will consider all of the selection criteria in a balanced way: academic standing, letter of application, references.

Announcement of Award

Applicants must provide their full and correct mailing address and email address, AND the email address of their contact teacher at the school. Both the applicant and their contact teacher will be informed of the results of the application process after June 6th. When possible, each award will also be presented at the school's annual convocation.

NOTES

- *The responsibility for the completed application form rests with the applicant; be sure to provide ALL the required information.*
- *Information provided may be subject to authentication*
- *Any information provided on the application form will be held in confidence.*

- All successful candidates will be notified by the Selection Committee. This decision will be final.

Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name and Middle Initial _____

Permanent Address _____ City or Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Preferred Language
 English French

Educational History

Most recent school _____ Grade/Program _____ Finish Date _____ Diploma Expected _____

Proposed Program of Study

Name of Institution _____ Location (City, Province) _____ Program/Area of Study _____

Personal Background for the past three years
 List school/community activities that you are involved in (teams, clubs, positions of responsibility, volunteer work, etc as well as Sources of Knowledge Forums you have attended)

Year	Activity Type (School/volunteer)	Describe Activity	# hours weekly

(If more space is required use back of application)

Place of Employment/Job Description

Year	Position	Work Experience

In no more than 500 words summarize your career plans and how this bursary will assist you in achieving your goals. *(NB: The essay may be written on a separate sheet and attached to this application form)*

(If more space is required use back of application)

Personal information under the control of The Sources of Knowledge Forum

Privacy Statement and Application Agreement

(SOK) shall remain confidential and shall not, without the consent of the individual to whom it relates, be used by SOK except: (a) for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by SOK; or (b) for a use consistent with that purpose.

By Completing and authorizing this Application, you consent to the use of your personal information for: (a) processing of the Application; (b) publication of name in SOK's Newsletter and Forum Proceedings; (c) publication of name in the media; and/or (d) promotional purposes.

I hereby certify that all the information provided is accurate and can be verified upon request. I hereby acknowledge and agree to the above privacy statements and the use of my personal information by SOK.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____