



Space Coast Regional Friends Group of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Scholarship Guidelines and Instructions

The mission of the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is to promote awareness, understanding, and respect of Florida's natural world by teaching those who teach others about Florida's unique ecosystems and wildlife. In support of the FMNP mission, the Space Coast Regional Friends Group (SCRFG) awards an annual scholarship to a qualified candidate. Candidates will complete an application which must be received at the Brevard Extension Office no later than September 30. The successful candidate*, if any, will be announced at the November Members Meeting. Scholarships are available to all applicants despite age, race, sex, color, religion, country of origin, or county residence. Current board members of Space Coast Regional Friends Group are not eligible.

The recipient will register for the Module of their choice. Before registering, the recipient will notify SCRFG of their choice. The awarded scholarship will be paid for directly by the SCRFG for the recipient. Funds will not be paid out to individuals.

Awardees will:

- Have until the end of the calendar year following the award to complete any Florida Master Naturalist course. A limited extension of this timeframe may be made to accommodate issues with course availability. The award winner will notify SCRFG of course scheduling difficulties prior to the end of the calendar year following the award.
- Complete all class requirements by the end of the course.
- Submit a 200-word essay about their FMNP experience (what they learned and how they anticipate using the information) within 2 months of completing their course.

Although not requirements, preference may be given to:

- Candidates who are in a role that allows them to fulfill the mission of sharing the knowledge acquired. For example:
 - Volunteers and employees at parks, nature centers, museums, historical sites, nonprofits, etc.
 - Ecotour guides and natural resource professionals.
 - Teachers.
- Residents of Brevard, Volusia, or Indian River Counties for 6+ months per year.

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* The SCRFG BOD reserves the right to not make scholarship awards if they determine that the pool of applicant(s) does not meet the minimum standards for this award.

