

Idaho Native Plant Society Scholarships

The Idaho Native Plant Society (<https://idahonativeplants.org/>) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to **promoting interest** in native plants and plant communities, and **collecting and sharing information** on all phases of the botany of native plants in Idaho. We seek to foster an **understanding and appreciation of our native flora** and to preserve this rich heritage for future generations. In keeping with this mission, **we invite applications for two scholarships of \$2000 each** to be awarded each year, as we want to support college or university students interested in native plants and plant communities. Last year we awarded scholarships to one undergraduate and one graduate student.

Eligibility criteria

The scholarships will be available for full- or part-time undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in any accredited 2- or 4-year college or university in Idaho. Student applicants must be registered for a minimum of 6 college or university semester credits (or equivalent) at the time of the award.

Student applicants must demonstrate an interest in botany, horticulture, forestry, rangeland ecology, environmental science, agriculture, conservation, science education, natural resources, or a closely related program. They must be pursuing a major in one of these fields.

Application materials

1. Application form that includes student information, relevant experience, and a personal statement.
2. Letter of recommendation. Student applicants must solicit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or other mentor who can speak to the student's character and goals specific to the scholarship. Letters should be sent directly to INPSScholarship@gmail.com.

Evaluation Criteria

The committee will evaluate applicants based on:

- Application is complete and student meets eligibility requirements
 - Application is complete with personal statement and letter of recommendation
 - Student meets eligibility requirements (related major, enrolled in at least 6 credits in accredited 2- or 4-year university, demonstrates interest in Idaho native plants)
- Quality of the application
 - Student's personal statement aligns with the INPS mission
 - Student communicates clearly about their goals and how this scholarship will help them achieve their goals
 - Student explains how their volunteer, work, and leadership experience is relevant
- Content of Letter of Recommendation

The Idaho Native Plant Society does not discriminate unlawfully against any applicant because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status.

Idaho Native Plant Society Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

Student Information

Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Your University or College: _____ Major: _____

Number of Semester Credits You Are Registered for This Term: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Your Current Status? (Check One): Undergraduate student: _____

Master's degree student: _____

Ph.D. student: _____

Ph.D. candidate: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Individual submitting letter of recommendation:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email address: _____

Attach up to 1 page describing your most relevant volunteer, work, and leadership experiences.

Attach up to 1 page with your personal statement. Address your personal interest in native plants, including education and career goals. Describe how your interests and goals align with the mission of INPS and how this scholarship will help you to achieve your goals.

Send all application materials to INPSScholarship@gmail.com. Please ask the individual submitting your letter of recommendation to send it directly to INPSScholarship@gmail.com. PDF format is preferred for all documents.

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