

## FMNP Inclusive Scholarship

The Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) Inclusive Scholarship is available to any Florida resident or person residing in Florida more than 6 months out of the year. The Florida Master Naturalist Program is committed to celebrating diversity of people, thought and opinion and to promote inclusiveness, respect and equal opportunity for everyone. Scholarship priority will be given to new applicants, those from historically underrepresented groups, and/or those in most need of financial assistance. Scholarships awarded will cover the entire cost of one FMNP core module or special topics course. Scholarships are awarded semi-annually. The number of scholarships awarded each year will be dependent on funding.

Note: If you are a teacher or an environmental educator, please complete the Steve Bass Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Educators, FMNP K-12 Teacher Scholarship, or the Steve A. Gaul Master Naturalist Program/FANREP Memorial Scholarship.

### General Information

- The Florida Master Naturalist Program Inclusive Scholarship is available to any Florida resident or anyone currently residing in Florida for more than 6 months of the year.
- Scholarships awarded will cover the attendee fee of one course.
- Scholarships are awarded semi-annually. The number of scholarships awarded each year will be dependent on funding.

### Who Can Apply:

- Any Florida resident or anyone currently residing in the state of Florida for more than 6 months of the year
- Previous recipients must wait at least 1 year from receipt of scholarship to apply for a 2nd scholarship.
- Priority will be given to new applicants, those from historically underrepresented groups, and/or those in most need of financial assistance.

### How to Apply:

Submit the following items by the application deadline to be considered:

- 1) a completed application form (submitted [here](#))
- 2) short essay/description of how an FMNP course would benefit you, how you would apply the knowledge gained in the course, and how your participation would increase diversity of the program. Please include a statement of need, if applicable. (500 words or less).
- 3) Confirmation of Florida residency for six or more months per year.

Applications must be submitted [online](#).

## **Application Deadlines:**

There are 2 award cycles; all application materials must be submitted by the deadline to be considered:

**January 15:** Complete applications received from July 16 - January 15 will be notified by February 1. Scholarships will be valid for course registration from March through August.

**July 15:** Complete applications received from January 16 - July 15 will be notified by August 1. Scholarships will be valid for course registration from September through February.

***\*Scholarship recipients will be notified by email by the FMNP Statewide Coordinator\****

## **Award Expectations**

- Awardees must register for the course of their choice within the 6-month scholarship window. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
- Awardees are expected to submit a 200+ word story of their FMNP experience (what they learned and how they anticipate using the information) via the [online form](#).
- The names of scholarship awardees will be published on the FMNP website.