



Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in the Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge (LMNGBR) program. We would like everyone to have the opportunity to become a member of our organization and believe that finances should not limit your decision to become a member.

LMNGBR provides up to one scholarship per course to an interested individual who requires financial support to cover the costs of the \$200 training. You will still need to pay the \$25.00 in membership dues upon notification that you have received the scholarship to become a member of the LMNGBR organization.

This application must be submitted by **seven days prior** to the class deadline. Refer to the website (www.lmngbr.org/apply) for the class deadline date. It will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the LMNGBR Board of Directors. Information regarding applicants will not be shared with the full board or general membership.

Scholarship Award will be determined by the following criteria:

- 1) Residence within the region served by LMNGBR and plans to remain in the region for the next 3 years.
- 2) Demonstration of a financial need.
- 3) Demonstration of a willingness to serve the community.

Scholarship Recipient has responsibility to fulfill:

- 1) Completion of certification classes and a final project within one semester (8 out of 10 classes).
- 2) Following completion of certification classes – serve a minimum of 3 years of active membership status with LMNGBR which includes an annual responsibility of: \$25 membership dues, 20 hours of volunteer service, and 10 hours of continuing education in the field of natural history.
- 3) Willingness to assist on at least one LMNGBR committee or with one certification workshop.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please fill out the application below. Feel free to use additional space or pages to complete the answers. Submit it either electronically to info@lmngbr.org or mail it to Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge, 18313 Weatherwood Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817 so that it can be received promptly.

- 4) In essay format of 500 words or less please describe how giving you this scholarship would be a good investment for our community as it pertains to the LMNGBR mission. Include information such as: a) how you plan to be a contributor to the LMNGBR organization and b) your thoughts on how you might use the information that you learn from the certification classes.

Please *initial* the following statements as an indication that you understand the scholarship requirements:

Initial:

____ I understand that as a scholarship recipient I will still be responsible for paying the initial \$25.00 that are required to become a member of the Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge organization and \$25.00 every year thereafter to retain certification.

____ I understand that I have to complete the certification program in one semester (attend at least 8 of the 10 classes) including completion of a final project.

____ I understand that I will contribute 20 hours of volunteer service per year to the organization which will include participation in either one LMNGBR committee or assisting with one certification class.

____ I understand that I will need to complete 10 hours of continuing education approved by the LMNGBR each year.

____ I will be an active LMNGBR member for at least 3 years from the date of graduation.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____