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Robin Hopkins Amper Environmental Scholarship

Robin Hopkins Amper was a steady force for Long Island Pine Barrens protection. Robin, alongside her husband, Richard Amper, formed a team whose contributions to Long Island's environment were immeasurable. Robin was 72 and died after a four-year battle with metastatic breast cancer, in April of 2019.

The Long Island Pine Barrens Society's Board of Directors has established a scholarship in her name, for Nassau and Suffolk County residents who are committed to the environment, much the way Robin was. The Robin Hopkins Amper Environmental Scholarship Fund is an investment in Long Island's environmental future and a memorial to an extraordinary human being.

Graduating high school seniors pursuing undergraduate degrees in environmental studies and sciences, biology, ecology, sustainability, public policy, and land and water protection are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Students may attend any accredited college in the U.S.

Criteria for selecting the awardee are as follows:

- Academic achievement (3.0 GPA and above-average SAT/ACT scores) (6 points)
- Personal essay (4 points)
- Volunteer/extracurricular activities (4 points)
- Letters of reference (two academic and one personal) (3 points)
- Financial need (3 points)

Scholarships are in the amount of \$5,000. The awardee is required to maintain the eligible major and a minimum GPA of 3.0. The student will be required to submit final grades at the conclusion of the fall semester in the year of the award and evidence of appropriate enrollment for the following spring semester.

Application Process

Eligible students may complete an online scholarship application. They will need to create an account by logging in to the scholarship portal here: <https://www.nycommunitytrust.org/about/scholarships/>

Use the **Application Code LRHAMS** to reach the Create a New Account tab by clicking where indicated.

Complete the form and then click **Next** to complete the registration process. Once you have created an account, you will be directed to a verification page and then to the application tab. Enter the application code and click on the **Apply** button at the red bar on the top of the screen. You will be directed to the scholarship application. Click **Apply** located to the right of the screen. Please make sure to click on **Submit** after completing the form.

Applications are due July 19, 2024. The awardee will be notified by August 9, 2024. A student is eligible for the scholarship one time only.

Notification Process

The selected student will be notified via the LICF online application portal. Upon proof of enrollment, an award check will be sent directly to the college on behalf of the student.