

**Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy Environmental Adventure Award
Application Deadline November 8, 2002**

I. Program Objectives

A. Encourage environmental awareness and a conservation ethic by fostering such demonstrated interests in a student enrolled in the Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, or Milton public schools.

B. Offer an opportunity for a student to enrich themselves in science education, while building self-esteem and encouraging personal responsibility.

II. Program Description

The Linn Conservancy is soliciting applications from 10th and 11th grade students planning to attend one of two approved outdoor activities camps during the summer of 2003. Alternatively, candidates performing monitored environmental service projects may also apply. One successful applicant will receive a \$500 award, which will be paid towards course tuition and fees. Alternatively, the award may be applied towards service project expenses. Application to the camp and any additional costs such as transportation, lodging, insurance, etc are the responsibility of the award winner.

III. Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy

Merrill Linn spent much of his life exploring the woods, streams, fields and byways surrounding his native Lewisburg. In his memory and in his tradition, the Conservancy was formed to protect and preserve significant sites in Union and upper Northumberland Counties. Using conservation easements, land gifts, and purchases, we work with other conservation organizations, government agencies, attorneys, estate planners, developers and private citizens to conserve or enhance important aspects of our natural environment for present and future generations.

Providing non-destructive public access for education and recreation is an important part of many of our projects, but in recognizing our ethical obligations to the land and all its inhabitants, we also act to preserve some critical natural habitats in their pristine state, without constructed or maintained access routes.

The Linn Conservancy is governed by a volunteer board of directors and an appointed executive committee. At present more than 320 families and individuals from our area support the organization through regular dues or land gifts. Membership is open to everyone who makes an annual contribution.

IV. Eligible summer camps (**Note:** It is the responsibility of the award winner to apply for and gain admission to the camp. Admission to the camps is non-competitive, but spaces are limited. The award winner will be announced December 15, 2002 allowing for time to successfully apply for camp.)

*Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp (Trout Unlimited)

*Wallops Island, Virginia Marine Science Consortium

*Other camps suggested by applicant will be considered

V. Examples of eligible environmental community service projects (**Note:** Projects must be started and completed within the year 2003.)

*Girl and Boy Scouts conservation projects

*Trail management and marking

*Presentations to the community on Wetlands preservation

*Locate, report and help cleanup illegal dumpsites on public lands

*Watershed studies and restoration

*Assist ongoing environmental studies by local colleges

VI. Eligibility

All 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in the public schools of the Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Milton Public Schools are eligible.

VII. Award Selection Qualifications

*Parental approval

*School Guidance Counselor approval

*Applicant submits a typed essay in hardcopy (printed) format, with a suggested length 200 to 300 words, illustrating their environmental interests and the basis for those interests as well as the specific interest in the camp or service project chosen.

*Brief, written recommendation from two adults who recognize applicant's interest in the environment.

*If applicant's choice of camp is an alternate to the two stated above, then a detailed written description or brochure of the environmental science seminar/camp/course is required with the application.

*If an applicant chooses to perform a service project, then a written proposal must be submitted with the application. The proposal must outline project objectives, project description including location and safety measures, adult supervisor, start and finish dates, and estimated costs.

*Selection criteria weighted more towards student's demonstrated interest in the environment than toward academic achievement.

*Award winner must make a final report to the Linn Conservancy of their course attendance or service project outcome by December 14th, 2003. This may be a brief written report or oral presentation.

VIII. Schedule for Submission and Awards

*Applications should be submitted by November 8, 2002 directly to the Conservancy via mail or hand delivery

*The award will be announced by the Linn Conservancy's Public Awareness Committee by December 15, 2002 allowing sufficient time for the student to apply to their choice of camp

*Recognition of the award will be at the Conservancy's yearly dinner event in May 2003

*Award winner must make a final report to the Conservancy of their camp attendance or service project outcome by December 14th, 2003.

IX. Address and Information Contacts

Additional information about the program may be obtained by contacting:

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