Friends of Madera Canyon
Bud and Mary Gode Scholarship Application

Application Requirements:

The applicant must be a graduating Senior in good academic standing planning to attend an institution of higher learning (community college or 4 year college/university) to pursue post-high school studies in a discipline related to the natural sciences, and have a sincere interest in a career in some way related to the science, preservation and enjoyment of the natural environment.

Graduating seniors from the following Southern Arizona High Schools are eligible to apply: Sahuarita, Walden Grove, Academic Pathways/Sahuarita, Rio Rico, Nogales, Patagonia Union, Tohono O'odom and Baboquivari.

1. The completed application and other required documents **must be submitted online by April 9, 2027.**
2. **Include one or more letters of reference** from your high school advisor and/or teachers describing your academic qualifications, educational experiences, interest in the natural sciences and personal qualities. An adult, non-family member other than a teacher who knows of your interest in the natural sciences might also be asked to submit a letter of reference.
3. **Submit with the application a transcript** of your high school academic record through the first semester of your senior year.
4. **Essay Requirement:** not to exceed 1000 words, describing how you became interested in the natural sciences and your planned field of study in college or university. Explain how you envision using your planned college studies in the pursuit of a career related to nature and the environment. Specific career selection is not necessary, but we want to hear how you would adapt your education in the sciences to make a possible career choice. Please use your own words without AI assistance.

Selection of Recipients:

The goal of this scholarship program is to support students we feel are highly motivated and qualified graduating seniors who intend to continue secondary studies at a two or four-year college or university. Awarding the scholarship does not depend on financial need. There is no discrimination with regard to race, gender, ethnic origin, or religious preference. Sincerity of career goals and a strong high school academic record will be significant factors considered in selecting the recipient.

Questions about the program may be addressed to Judy White, Scholarship Chair:
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