

2026 STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT APPLICATION



The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF) is offering a \$1,000 Student Environment Grant to a graduating secondary school student OR a student enrolled in University or College.

Eligibility

- Between 17 and 25 years of age
- Permanent address within a municipality of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) watershed
- Graduating secondary school OR enrolled in a University or College
- Pursuing a post-secondary education in a conservation/environmental related course of study (e. g. biology, ecology, geography, forestry, fish and wildlife, agriculture, outdoor education).



The Ausable Bayfield Watershed and its Member Municipalities.

ABCA Municipalities

- Adelaide Metcalfe
- Bluewater
- Central Huron
- Huron East
- Lambton Shores
- Lucan Biddulph
- Middlesex Centre
- North Middlesex
- Perth South
- South Huron
- Warwick
- West Perth

Submission Criteria

1. The applicant is to write a creative two-page essay on their personal involvement with an environmental or conservation-based project or organization

Include the following aspects in your essay:

- Meaningful experiences from the involvement
- Personal or professional growth
- Personal reasons for involvement with the project
- How this award will assist future career aspirations

2. The Selection Committee will take into consideration grammar and use of language when assessing the submissions.

3. Include two (2) reference letters in support of the past experiences and/or involvement with the environmental or conservation-based project and/or organization.

4. The completed Essay, Application Form and Two Reference Letters must be emailed with 'Student Environmental Grant' in the subject line to info@abca.ca by 4:30 p.m. local time, Friday June 26, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Alternatively, the submission can be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
71108 Morrison Line, RR 3 Exeter, ON N0M 1S5
Tel: 519-235-2610

The student with the winning submission will be contacted to arrange a time before August 31st to be presented with the cash award by the Chair of the ABCF. The cheque presentation will be videotaped and shown at the annual Ausable Bayfield Conservation Partner Appreciation Evening in March 2027, and may be shared on social media.



Please Note: The Selection Committee is the ABCF Board of Directors. It is at their discretion to award the successful student up to \$1,000 based upon the quality of the applications and essays received. The ABCF reserves the right to not present the grant in any given year.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
2026 Student Environmental Grant
Application Form

(Please print clearly)

Name:

Year of Birth:

Address:

(Mailing & Street)

Postal Code:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

High School or Post-
Secondary Institution:

Student Number:
(if applicable)

Program of Study or
Future Studies:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Only successful applicants will be contacted by the
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation

NOTICE OF COLLECTION: Personal information on this form is collected under the legal authority of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for the purpose of assessing the winning candidate in student award competition. This information will be used to recognize and honour the winning candidate and publicize recognition of the recipient. Questions regarding this collection can be made to the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator, 71108 Morrison Line, RR 3 Exeter ON NOM 1S5.