



# Varsity Scholarship Application

The Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League “Varsity Scholarship” is open to applicants who are Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League members in their Junior or Senior year during the 2023-2024 academic year. It is funded by generous donations from FM Walleyes Unlimited and other private donors.

## Qualifications

- Are you currently an active member of a Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League team enrolled by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and in good standing with your team?
  - Yes/No
  - Team you are a member of?
  
- Are you a paid member of the Student Angler Federation (Included in LAHSFL membership dues)?
  - Yes/No
  
- Grade in school during the 2023-2024 academic year.
  - Junior/Senior
  
- Are you planning to continue your education after high school by attending college, university, technical college, trade school or other accredited educational facility within two years?
  - Please share plans for future education

## Award Criteria

A scholarship committee will determine the two award recipients from the pool of applicants based on the following:

- Attendance and participation at team meetings/events
- Sportsmanship exhibited on and off the water
- Being an ambassador of their team, the league and the sport of fishing
- Academics in school
- Leadership within their team and beyond
- Participation in other extra-curricular activities/organizations
- Tenure with their high school fishing team/league
- Other activities/volunteering within the sport of fishing/outdoors
- Performance at LAHSFL and other competitive fishing events

## **Essay Responses**

Please submit written answers to the following essay questions:

- Please summarize your qualifications to receive the LAHSFL Varsity Scholarship based on the above criteria.
- Explain why fishing/hunting/outdoors activities are relevant to your education and career goals.
- How has your experience in fishing and the Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League shaped you as a person? How has it helped you become a better angler and enjoy your time on the water and in the outdoors?

## **Letters of Recommendation**

Please include with this application a minimum of two letters of recommendation from individuals who are not parents or relatives.

## **Application Process**

Please submit your completed application including application document, letters of recommendation and answers to essay questions to your LAHSFL team coach no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Letters of recommendation and essay answers should be submitted on separate sheets and attached to the application. Coaches will submit applications to the scholarship committee for consideration.

## **Awarding of the Scholarship**

Recipients will be announced and awarded the 2024 Lake Agassiz High School Fishing League Varsity Scholarship at the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the 2023 season.

## **Scholarship Selection Committee**

The following individuals have generously agreed to serve on the selection committee to evaluate applications and determine our 2024 recipients.

- Rachael Agre – Assistant Superintendent, West Fargo Public Schools
- Brad Franklin – Principal, Fargo Public Schools
- Brenton Hell –FM Walleyes Unlimited
- Caryn Olson – Scheels
- Brian Gronewald – Ray's Sport & Marine, Moorhead