



Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Coalition Annual Stewardship Excellence & Capstone Scholarship Awards Guidelines

- **First Level: A.S.E. Scholarship Award** beginning 2016
 - \$1,000 scholarship, elegant desktop engraved plaque, and certificate
 - **Purpose:** Competitive scholarship to current graduating senior or high school graduate entering into a program at an accredited institution of higher learning located in Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender County, whose career path will include focusing on environmental stewardship through protection, conservation, improvement, and awareness of natural resources, etc., used to offset educational expenses (non-tuition linked)
- **Second Level: Capstone Award**
 - \$2000 award issued every other year beginning 2018 and only offered upon recommendation of the SDC Scholarship Award selection Committee
 - **Purpose:** As an incentive to remain involved with the SDC, ASE Award recipients, upon graduation from the approved list of accredited institutions of higher learning with a relevant degree as noted in the A.S.E. description, will become eligible for the \$2,000 “Capstone Award”, if the recipient:
 - (1) Remains actively engaged with the SDC mission through community service outreach, or active SDC membership and participation
 - (2) Maintains active membership with an organization(s) focusing on environmental stewardship, sustainability, resource conservation, etc.
 - (3) Represents the community in a positive and upright manner through stewardship and environmental activism
 - (4) Attends SDC Annual Luncheon
- **A. S. E. Application**
 - **Submittal deadline:** November 30, 2017
 - **Final selection:** January 10, 2018
 - **Award date:** February 22, 2018 at the 2017 SDC Annual Luncheon
 - **Minimum requirements:**
 - A graduating senior or high school graduate from a Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender County High School or early college, who has been accepted and/or is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning, with the goal of pursuing a career in a relevant program. (Parents and guardians are allowed to sign for

applicants; however, all applicants must be a graduating senior or high school graduate and no less than 16 years of age)

- Completed application form
- Proof of age, graduation from high school
- Proof of acceptance letter from an accredited institution of higher learning located in Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender Counties
- Copy of official high school transcript
- Reference letters:
 - high school counselor
 - teacher
 - other
- Minimum 4-page typed essay noting current or past-related projects, studies, community involvement, scholarship's expected impact on achieving career objectives and goals, and applicant's future desire to positively impact the environment
- Any additional information, as deemed appropriate, (project portfolios, senior project, schematics, models, etc.) to be considered as a part of your application

- **Where to send application:** LCF SDC
230 Government Center Drive, Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28403

- **Selection Criteria:** The competitive process shall be conducted by a fair and impartial judging panel, chosen by the SDC members. The points awarded shall range from:
 - Maximum 10 points for each of the following categories:
 - Application is complete
 - Essay is clear, concise and illustrates commitment to current and future environmental stewardship
 - Proof of current commitment to community service
 - Project details regarding environmental stewardship projects and/or functions (may submit print media, high school and college projects, other)
 - Overall "Heart" of the Applicant: After reading all submitted materials, how strongly does the evaluator feel about the applicant's desire to include stewardship in their future?
 - **Extra points:**
 - ✓ 5 points - model (architectural, landscaping, other)
 - ✓ 5 points - video, other
- ***Notes: By filing and signing the attached application, the applicant agrees to the following:***
 - *Shall not contest the final decisions of the SDC*
 - *Previous A. S. E. award recipients shall not be eligible to re-apply*
 - *Must remain enrolled in a relevant program at a local accredited institution of higher learning located in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties*
 - *Once informed, the SDC may deduct application points or dismiss a candidate from consideration based on questionable comments/actions*
 - *SDC Committee family members and permanent employers are ineligible to apply for the award*
 - *Interns, vetted through a formal hiring process, are eligible to apply for the award.*
 - *Make best efforts to attend future Annual SDC Luncheons and at a minimum keep SDC members abreast of career and community involvement*
 - *Luncheon attendance required to receive the award*