

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

### First Level: A.S.E. Scholarship Award

**Award:**

**\$1,000** scholarship, elegant desktop engraved plaque, and certificate

**Purpose:**

Competitive scholarship for students in high school in Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender County or students at UNCW, Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) or Brunswick Community College (BCC) who are seeking an educational degree at UNCW, CFCC, or BCC entering into a program whose career path will include focusing on environmental stewardship through protection, conservation, improvement, and awareness of natural resources, used to offset educational expenses (non-tuition linked).

**Who is Eligible?**

- High school students in Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender County, who are seeking a higher educational degree at UNCW, Cape Fear Community College (CFCC), or Brunswick Community College (BCC).
- Currently enrolled students at UNCW, CFCC or BCC whose course tract is in environmental studies. (Geography, GIS, Environmental Planning, Sustainability, Environmental Education etc...)
- Isaac Bear Early College High students are eligible if their course tract is in environmental studies.
- College transfer students from CFCC or BCC are also eligible if accepted into UNCW.
- UNCW students accepted into a graduate program related to environmental studies at UNCW.

### Second Level: Capstone Award

**Award:**

**\$2000** award issued every other year 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, will become eligible for the \$2,000 "Capstone Award", if the recipient:

- (1) Remains actively engaged with the SDC mission through community service outreach and active with the Stewardship Development Coalition, participating in meetings and events, and/or
- (2) Maintains active with an organization(s) focusing on environmental stewardship, sustainability, resource conservation, etc., and/or
- (3) Represents the community in a positive and upright manner through stewardship and environmental activism.

### Application Deadlines:

**Submittal Deadline: December 30, 2020**

**Final Selection: January 11, 2021**

**Award Date: February 26, 2021** at the SDC Annual Luncheon

*See next page for Requirements*

## Minimum Requirements:

- Must be 16 years of age to apply (Parents and guardians are allowed to sign for applicants)
- Completed application form
- If graduating high school, proof of acceptance letter from UNCW or proof of class schedule at CFCC or BCC within an appropriate course tract in environmental studies.
- List of completed environmental studies classes and grade (geography, science classes, or other applicable classes). A copy of a transcript is not required but one could be submitted.
- Reference Letter(s):
  - High School Counselor
  - Teacher
  - Other (mentor, advisor, supervisor, etc.)
- 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

## 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
  - Any example of a project or experience that details environmental stewardship and/or functions (may submit a copy of the report, presentation, or summary of the project)
  - 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 or Scaled Rendering (architectural, landscaping, other)
    - ✓ 5 points - Video, other
- **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 (unless applying for capstone award)*
  - *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 within a local government jurisdiction or environmental non-profit 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*

### **Where to Send the Application?**

LCF Stewardship Development Coalition  
230 Government Center Drive, Suite 100  
Wilmington, NC 28403

or

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