



## **Lebanon Valley Conservancy History & Mission**

“To promote the conservation and preservation of the unique cultural, historical and natural resources of our region, for the benefit of present and future generations.”

Formed in 2000 by a group of dedicated individuals representing various conservation organizations and groups to actively protect natural habitats, historic resources and farmland in Lebanon County. The common vision is to create an affiliation whose mission is to promote the conservation of natural resources, open spaces and agricultural lands through public awareness, education and scientific research.

In cooperation with neighboring conservancies and trusts as well as local and state governments, the Lebanon Valley Conservancy seeks to preserve our area’s unique qualities for the benefit of all.

The Pennsylvania Constitution Article 1, Section 27 guarantees ...

*“The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment.*

*Pennsylvania’s public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.*



## **Scholarship in Memory of Richard H. Light**

Richard H. Light, 81, passed away on April 21, 2016. He was the husband of Karen R. Geesey Light. He was a self-taught naturalist who enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the flora and fauna, particularly found in the Swatara State Park. He taught others through his slide shows, field trips, and WLBR's Talk Show. For many years Richard could be found checking his 60 bluebird boxes at GLRA, volunteering with the Ned Smith Center's saw-whet owl research project, and at the Second Mt. Hawk Watch. He participated in the Christmas Bird Counts, the Winter Raptor Survey, and the Breeding Bird Atlas.

He used phenological information, the study of the timing of natural events, such as the appearance of the first hummingbird each spring, the woodfrogs coming to the vernal pools, the temperature of the water in the canal at Swatara State Park and kept written records of these happenings.

Richard was a member of the Quittapahilla Audubon Society, Lancaster Bird Club, Entomology Club, Muhlenberg Botanical Society, Lancaster Herpetology Club, Monroe Valley Chapel, the Historic Preservation Trust, LV Conservancy, Manada Conservancy and the Friends of the Memorial and Swatara State Parks.

He noticed and marveled at the beauty of our natural surroundings; not missing any of the incredible wonders of God's plants, birds, and animals. His gifted mind, and creative and inventive talents are missed by his family and friends.

Celebrate Richard's life by taking a walk in the woods, take two steps and then stand five minutes to observe nature. And visit Swatara State Park, sit on his Memorial Bench by the AT Bridge and enjoy the flora and fauna.

Application can be found at **[www.TLVC.org](http://www.TLVC.org)**.

**Mail completed application to:  
Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.  
752 Willow St. Suite e Lebanon, PA 17046  
ATTN: Student Awards Committee  
**DEADLINE: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018****

# Lebanon Valley Conservancy Scholarship Application Form

*Education of the public is included in the mission of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy.*

*To that end we would like to offer a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating high school student or college freshman from Lebanon Valley whose intent is to pursue a future in conservation, ecology, natural resources/wildlife management, water resources and management, or the environmental sciences.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School attending/attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/Post Secondary plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepted?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Teacher or Professor:** \_\_\_\_\_

A written statement by the teacher/professor recommending the student is to be submitted with the application.

**List other scholarships, grants or loans:**

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**List all school and community activities** (class office, yearbook, school paper, athletics, clubs, awards, community service projects, etc.):

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**List any employment you have had during high school/college:**

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## Lebanon Valley Conservancy Scholarship Application Check List

Before mailing your application, check to make sure the following are also included. Include this checklist in your application package.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Completed Application Form.** Use additional pages as necessary to give a full description of your activities and employment, **or** attach resume. Photos may be included but must include at least one good facial photograph of the applicant (can be a school photo) and, if available a photo of the applicant engaged in a project or volunteer work.

\_\_\_\_\_ A **Written Statement** submitted by the teacher or professor recommending applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Include an Original Essay** of 4 paragraphs. The first paragraph should introduce yourself to the Conservancy. The second paragraph should explain what sparked your interest in the conservation and environmental field. The third paragraph should describe what career path you have researched and have interest in pursuing. For the last paragraph, please describe how your contributions and education would positively impact the environment.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the eligibility requirements for this scholarship?

There are two conditions to be met for eligibility. The first is that the graduating high school student or college freshman must be attending a Lebanon County school. The second is that the field of study chosen is within the fields of conservation, ecology, natural resources/wildlife management, water resources and management, or environmental sciences.

2. What is the scholarship value?

The scholarship is \$1000.

3. When will I know if I am awarded this scholarship?

If your school has an awards ceremony, you will receive a certificate at that time. Additionally, your school counseling office will be notified before your graduation date or The Lebanon Valley Conservancy will notify you.

4. If I am awarded this scholarship, when will I receive the money?

The Lebanon Valley Conservancy will distribute the funds at our Donor Event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

5. Are there any other requirements?

TLVC requests that within one year of receipt of the scholarship, the recipient sends a letter apprising of your current progress in your field.