



## **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 Thursday, April 21, 2016, at Cornwall Manor. He was the husband of Karen R. Geesey Light. They would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2016. Born in Lebanon, on February 4, 1935, he was the son of the late Marvin Y. and Helen B. Hershey Light.

Richard had worked as an auto mechanic in Palmyra and Jonestown. He graduated from South Lebanon High School in 1953, where he lettered in soccer, baseball and basketball.

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.

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, and Manada Conservancy.

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.lebanonvalleyconservancy.org](http://www.lebanonvalleyconservancy.org).

### **Mail completed application to:**

**Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.**

752 Willow St. Suite e

Lebanon, PA 17046

ATTN: Student Awards Committee

**DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2017**

# 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 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 Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Secondary plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Teacher or Project Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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 all part time jobs you have held while in school:**

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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 the project or a photo of the project results.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Include an Original Essay** of 2 paragraphs. The first paragraph should explain your interest in conservation, ecology, environmental sciences, etc. Please include your career goals, and any current or past community service, in any of these fields. The second paragraph should explain why you think you qualify for this scholarship and the project description.

Questions to be considered in the essay:

- Who initiated the project? Teacher? Project Leader? Self?
- Participants? Number and Project leader?
- Long-Term Impact?

## 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 be a resident of the Lebanon Valley; the second is that the field of study chosen is within the fields of conservation, ecology, natural resources/wildlife management, water resources and management, and the environmental sciences and has completed a conservation/environmental project.

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 LV Conservancy will notify you.

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

LV Conservancy will distribute upon recipient's high school graduation generally at the LV Conservancy May board meeting.

5. The application form asks my post secondary plans. If I do not get accepted there, or if I choose to attend another school, will I still be eligible for the scholarship money should I be selected?

As long as your intent is to study conservation, ecology, natural resources/wildlife management, water resources and management, or the environmental sciences, you are still eligible to receive your award.

6. Are there any other requirements?

The LV Conservancy requires that within one year of receipt of the scholarship, the recipient sends a letter apprising of your current progress in your field.