



# ALDERLEAF WILDERNESS COLLEGE

Center for Traditional Ecological Knowledge

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE ALDERLEAF WILDERNESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Scholarships for the Alderleaf Wilderness Certification Program are intended as tuition assistance for applicants who show great potential to excel as students and who would be unable to attend without financial aid. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and student motivation. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$2000.

To apply for a scholarship, applicants must submit this form, a program application, and a copy of the applicant's most recent 1040 tax return (copies of tax returns for parents/guardians are also required for students who are considered dependents).

Scholarship funds are limited and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Please apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed within two weeks of receipt. When a decision has been made, a notification letter will be mailed from our office.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Financial Need:

Please describe: 1.) your financial situation, 2.) why you are applying for a scholarship, and 3.) any extenuating circumstances you would like us to consider in reviewing your application (such as medical bills, child support, school loans, etc...) You may continue on the back or on a separate sheet if needed. The more information we have, the better we can assess your scholarship needs.

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### 2. Motivation and Program Relevance:

Please describe: 1.) why you believe you will excel as a student in the Alderleaf Wilderness Certification Program, and 2.) how you see yourself integrating the course material into your life and career goals. Feel free to continue on the back or on a separate sheet.

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### 3. Applicant's Financial Information:

Have you been enrolled at least part time at a college, university, or private school in the past year?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the cost for one year at your school (tuition, fees, room and board)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the total amount of any school financial aid received in the past year: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will you be supporting this year? Include all persons from whom you would be providing 50% or more of their support (such as yourself, spouse, & children): \_\_\_\_\_

How many of the people you are supporting will be in college at least part time? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Determination of Dependent Status:**

- A. Did your parents/guardians claim you as a dependent on their last income tax return?  Yes  No
- B. Did or will your parents give you more than \$1,000 of support this year?  Yes  No
- C. Did or will you live with your parents for at least eight weeks this year?  Yes  No

**5. Income, Expenses, and Net Worth:**

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Spouse</b> (required if married)	<b>Parent(s)/Guardian*</b> (for dependent students)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Parent*</b> (if filing taxes separately)
<b>Annual Income:</b>				
Salary before taxes				
Other income				
Support				
Total				
<b>Annual Expenses:</b>				
Housing (rent/mortgage)				
Food, clothing, utilities				
Out-of-pocket medical				
Other expenses				
Total				
NET INCOME				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash in accounts				
Real Estate value				
Investments value				
Retirement plan value				
Auto make/year/value				
Auto make/year/value				
Total				
<b>Debts (current balances):</b>				
Mortgage				
Credit cards				
School loans				
Auto loans				
Other debts				
Total				
NET WORTH				

*\*If you answered yes to any of the “Determination of Dependent Status” questions, Alderleaf considers you a dependent, and your parents/guardians’ financial information is also required, including copies of their most recent 1040 tax returns.*

- I certify that the information provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that Alderleaf will be using the information in consideration of granting a scholarship.
- I have attached a copy of my (and my parents/guardians’\*) most recent 1040 federal tax return with supporting documents.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(only required if applicant is considered a dependent\*)

**Privacy Policy:** Alderleaf Wilderness College highly guards all personal information and does not share personal information with anyone, for any reason, except as may be required by law. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (360) 793-8709, or email [info@wildernesscollege.com](mailto:info@wildernesscollege.com).

Please include the appropriate 1040 tax return(s) and mail scholarship applications to:  
**Alderleaf Wilderness Certification Program**  
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 Monroe, WA 98272