



CENTERS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I am applying to (check one):

- Center for Biodiversity
- Center for Arts and Humanities
- Center for Experiential and Environmental Education
- Center for Natural Resource Management and Protection
- Center for Sustainability and Global Change

Intended Major: _____ (should correspond with the center)
Undecided? Chose the center that best fits you and your career goals

PERSONAL DATA:

NAME: _____
LAST (Surname) FIRST M.I.

HOME ADDRESS: _____
NUMBER STREET CITY ST ZIP

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____
area code number area code number

EMAIL _____

APPLYING AS: First-time freshman Transfer GENDER: Female Male

CITIZEN STATUS

- U.S. Citizen
- Eligible Non-Citizen*
*Must provide copy of Alien Registration Card: I-151 or I-551
- Other Citizenship Country: _____

EDUCATION:

Current High School _____ Location _____

(Expected) Graduation Date _____ H.S. GPA _____ (on 4.0 scale) Class Rank ____/____

Current College _____ Location _____

Credits Earned _____ College GPA _____

ESSAY

Please choose one of the essay prompts below, according to which center scholarship you are applying for. Your essay should be no longer than 750 words. Each page of the essay should have your full name and center name in the header and be sent in with the application.

Center for Biodiversity (environmental biology, ecology, marine biology)

Biodiversity is the complete array of biological variety. This biological diversity is considered at many levels including genetic variability within a species, the number and abundance of individual species, the makeup of biological communities, and the assortment of ecosystems and biomes on earth.

The importance of biodiversity is often argued from two different perspectives. The first argument suggests that the benefits and services of biodiversity provide for human survival as a species and sustain the global economy. The second argument holds that biodiversity has intrinsic value that is worth protecting regardless of its impact on humans. Discuss your perspective on the value of biodiversity. Include an explanation of 3-4 examples of how biodiversity provides for humans and your ideas about the intrinsic value of biodiversity.

Center for Environmental and Experiential Education (adventure education leadership, adventure therapy, teaching and learning, captive wildlife care and education, environmental education)

“Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” --Benjamin Franklin

The Unity College Center for Experiential and Environmental Education (CEEE) prepares dedicated students for professional practice as engaged and environmentally aware experiential educators. Experience with natural environments and local communities become the tools through which we teach others to engage with the world and to expand the community of environmental stewards.

Describe an experience you had with the natural environment or local community that sparked your passion for effecting positive change in the world. As a future professional educator, either as a school teacher, environmental educator, or expeditionary trip leader, what skills and knowledge will most help you promote environmental learning?

Center for Natural Resource Management and Protection (conservation law enforcement, parks recreation and ecotourism, aquaculture and fisheries, forestry, wildlife, wildlife conservation, wildlife biology environmental policy)

The conservation and protection of our natural resources has played a pivotal role in our nation's environmental history. Whether it was the establishment of the world's first national park system or wildlife reintroduction programs the management of our resources for the public good has been an essential element of our natural and cultural heritage. The Center for Natural Resource Management and Protection at Unity College seeks to provide students both the knowledge and skills necessary to be leaders in this arena.

What crucial, natural resource management challenge most concerns you? Explain why and tell us how a Unity College education will help you address the challenge.

Center for Sustainability and Global Change (sustainable design and technology, agriculture food and sustainability, landscape horticulture, environmental analysis, environmental science)

Human society is faced with the question of how to live sustainably on the planet. Scientific consensus suggests climate destabilization, climate fragmentation and species extinction pose extraordinary earth system challenges. The

Center for Sustainable and Global Change believes that sustainable solutions provide the best response to these challenges.

Describe a sustainable solution that you find of compelling interest. It may involve energy, water or other natural resources. Explain why your solution is worthy of further investigation and how a Unity College education will strengthen your ability to implement it.

Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities (environmental writing, environmental humanities, general studies)

For this Center scholarship application you must submit a portfolio in place of the essay

The Unity Center for Environmental Arts and Humanities serves students who are drawn to scholarship and exploration at the intersection of the arts and humanities and environmental stewardship. Students in this Center develop their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills in ways that express their commitment to the mission of the college.

In order to demonstrate your academic excellence in the humanities, submit a portfolio of creative work that challenges perceptions of and/or attitudes toward the environment and communicates a rich and informed interpretation of nature and culture. Your portfolio should include a written introduction of your work and summary of your educational goals.

Guidelines (choose one of the following):

Visual media - up to ten Jpeg images with title, dimensions, materials and date

Video or audio media - DVD or CD ten minutes in length

Written media - up to twenty pages of writing.

Submit all materials to:

Centers for Academic Excellence Scholarship
c/o Alisa Johnson, Review Committee
Unity College
90 Quaker Hill Rd.
Unity, ME 04988

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Questions – Email scholarships@unity.edu