



The Janet E. Shaffer Memorial SOAR Scholarship was set up in 2012 to honor Janet Shaffer, a SOAR member who passed away in 2012. Janet was very active in education and conservation. She was an avid bird watcher and licensed bird bander. As a teacher, she was an inspiration to many students in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Janet was a founding member and director of the Bedford County Bird and Nature Club from 1989, when it was started, until her death.

**Applications must be postmarked by April 15 and sent to:
SOAR P. O. Box 178 Everett, PA 15537**

- 1. Scholarship Details:** One scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a senior attending a Bedford or Somerset County High School. The recipient will be honored at the completion of his/her senior year in high school, but the actual \$500 will be awarded after the end of the first year of college, provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA in an appropriate course of study. The \$500 award will be sent directly to the student after the student sends an official transcript at the end of their freshman year in college.

Examples of suitable college programs are listed on the SOAR website with the Scholarship information. See www.SaveOurAlleghenyRidges.org

2. Scholarship Eligibility:

- A. The applicant must be a resident of Bedford or Somerset County and enrolled in one of the county public schools.
- B. The applicant must complete the scholarship application after downloading it from the SOAR website.
- C. The recipient of the award must supply a copy of the first year's college transcript before receiving the award. An official transcript is required.

3. Evaluation: Each applicant will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- A. Evaluation of applicant's high school grade average.
- B. Evaluation of the applicant's activities and honors, work experience, leadership positions, and volunteer experience.
- C. Evaluation of essay describing career goals.
- D. Evaluation of grammar, spelling, neatness.

- 4. Delivery:** Completed scholarship applications should be submitted to the Guidance counselor in late March. Check with the counselor to determine when applications are due in the Guidance office. The counselor will collect the applications, attach an official transcript, and send all the applications in one packet to:

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