

The Lake Park Educational Foundation has announced the Friends of Spring Brook Nature Center Scholarship which will provide financial assistance for college to young men and women who have shown a commitment to the environment during their high school years.

Spring Brook Nature Center, located in Itasca, is a vibrant resource for education and conservation. Since opening its doors in 1980, Spring Brook has offered a variety of programs for Itasca-area schools, scouts and families. The Friends of Spring Brook Nature Center is a non-for-profit organization dedicated to the enhancement of environmental and nature-oriented activities of the nature center. The Friends support the nature center through volunteerism, grant-writing and public awareness activities. The main goal of this college scholarship is to make high school students more aware of how they can help the environment and/or to appreciate nature. To further assist young people, the Friends of Spring Brook will give one (1) scholarship of \$1,000.

To be eligible for the Friends of Spring Brook Nature Center Scholarship, the applicant must:

- be a Lake Park High School graduate of the Class of 2009 and live within the boundaries of the Itasca Park District, Village of Itasca or Itasca School District #10.
- demonstrate financial need.
- plan to attend an accredited junior college or college/university program leading to a certificate or degree.
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- write an essay demonstrating how the student has been involved in environmental or nature-oriented activities during his/her high school career.
- complete the attached application form.
- submit a transcript of all high school classes.
- submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher.

Applications are available in the Career Center, West Campus. **All material must be submitted to that office no later than Thursday, April 9, 2009.** The Friends of Spring Brook Scholarship will be awarded to the selected recipient at the Scholarship and Awards Night on Thursday, May 21, 2009.

The \$1,000 check will be issued after the recipient has submitted documentation of enrollment as a full time student in a college that meets the scholarship guidelines.

1. Please describe your efforts with environmental or nature-oriented activities during the past four years. There is a 500-word limit for this question. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

2. Please explain your financial need in seeking this scholarship.

3. Describe all community activities in which you have participated during your high school years.

4. Provide the name and address of your intended school or institute.

Signature of Endorsement by a Counselor or the Principal _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____