March 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Do you know of a college-bound student, or a former student now in college, who would like to earn a **$750 scholarship** in exchange for serving as a host and steward at the fire tower on the summit of Azure Mountain for five days this coming summer?

The scholarship, offered by the non-profit Azure Mountain Friends (www.azuremountain.org), is intended for students who have an interest in environmental conservation and/or the preservation and interpretation of historic structures. Funds go the recipient’s college and may be applied toward the costs of tuition, books, housing, and any other institutional fees.

Scholarship recipients will receive training in the social and natural history of Azure Mountain and its century-old fire tower and, through service as volunteer stewards, will gain experience in explaining aspects of that history to visitors. They must be able to provide their own transportation to and from the Azure Mountain trailhead, which is about 10 miles from St. Regis Falls in western Franklin County, and be physically able to hike the steep one mile to the fire tower. We seek students who are “good with people.”

The scholarship will be awarded competitively, based on each applicant's interest, experience and maturity. Each applicant should complete the accompanying form, provide the two requested additional documents, and mail all three as directed. Finalists will be interviewed, preferably at their school, during the month of May. For more information, contact Azure Mountain Friends Vice-Chair Neal Burdick, nealburdick@gmail.com or 315-386-4648, or, between April 5 and 15, Joe Berner, azurehiker@yahoo.com or 315-212-2543.

**Please make as many copies of the form as you wish. All application materials must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2019. Applicants will be informed of the committee’s decision as soon as possible after applications have closed and interviews have been conducted.**
AZURE MOUNTAIN FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name:_____________________________________________________ Age as of 6/1/19:______

Street Address:______________________________________________

City/Town:________________________________Zip Code:___________

Phone Number:___________________Email address:______________

Current School Name:________________________________________

If in High School: name, if any, of College you plan to attend:________________________

Current Grade Point Average / Class Rank:_______ / ______

Do you have your own means of transportation to and from Azure Mountain? ____________

Please attach a recommendation letter written by an instructor or guidance counselor who is familiar with you, your interests, your achievements, and your abilities.

Also please attach a brief essay (250-300 words) which describes “Why I would like to spend 5 days as an Azure Mountain Friends Volunteer Summit Steward this summer.”

Applicant Signature___________________________________________ Date________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature_____________________________________ Date______________________

Mail your application, including essay and recommendation, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2019, to:

Azure Mountain Friends Scholarship
c/o Neal Burdick
35 Woods Drive
Canton, NY 13617

Thank you for your interest in Azure Mountain and the AMF Scholarship! Signing this application gives us permission to use photos of you, or quotes from your essay for AMF publicity purposes. For more information about Azure Mountain Friends, please visit us at azuremountain.org or on Facebook.