

AZURE MOUNTAIN FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ EMail address _____

Preferred method of contact (Check One): Phone _____, US Mail _____, Email _____, or
Text _____ (send text to _____)

Current School Name: _____

If in High School, then name of College you plan to attend _____

Age _____ Current Grade Point Average _____

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

Azure Mountain Friends T-shirt Size (Circle Preference): S M L XL

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

Attach a brief essay (at least 250 words) which describes "Why I would like to spend 5 days as an Azure Mountain Friends Volunteer Summit Steward."

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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 the website: azuremountain.org.

Mail your application, including reference letter to:

Azure Mountain Friends Scholarship
c/o Tom Young, 101 Main Street, Potsdam, NY 13676

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Dear Madam/Sir:

The Azure Mountain Friends is a not-for-profit organization that serves as a Natural Resource Steward under an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The organization was formed to restore and maintain the Azure Mountain Fire Tower. In addition, its mission is to protect the summit environment of Azure Mountain and to provide conservation awareness to visitors to the mountain and fire tower through information provided by “volunteer stewards” on the summit.

Consistent with the Azure Mountain Friends’ mission as a not-for-profit organization, the AMF Board of Directors decided in 2005 to create a scholarship for college-bound high school seniors and/or college students who have an interest in environmental conservation and/or the preservation and interpretation of historic structures. The fire tower on Azure Mountain was constructed in 1918 and is on the Federal and New York State Registries of Historic Places. Scholarship recipients will receive training in the social and natural history of Azure Mountain and its fire tower and, through service as a volunteer steward, will gain experience in explaining aspects of that history to visitors. The first AMF Scholarship was awarded in 2006, and through the 2016 hiking season, the Azure Mountain Friends has awarded 20 such scholarships.

AMF Scholarship recipients will be expected to volunteer on the Azure Mountain summit five (5) times and must be able to provide their own transportation to and from the Azure Mountain trailhead.

The scholarship of \$500 will be awarded competitively based on each applicant’s interest, experience, and maturity. We especially encourage students living in the St. Regis Falls School District to apply in order to encourage local support for the Azure Mountain Friends and the tower that they’ve helped to restore and now maintain. Each applicant should complete the enclosed form, provide the requested essay, and include a reference from an instructor or adviser who has knowledge of the student’s interests and capabilities. Funds provided by the scholarship may be applied toward the cost of tuition, books, housing, and other institutional fees.

Completed scholarship application materials should be mailed to:

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All application materials should be postmarked no later than May 15, 2017. Applicants will be informed of the committee’s decision as soon as possible after applications have closed.