

## VILAS COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are available to Vilas County graduating seniors who are continuing their education at a 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational/technical school in pursuit of a career in the area of natural resources (may have priority) or a related field. At the discretion of the scholarship committee, this \$500 scholarship may be divided between two applicants or a second scholarship may be awarded. Awardees will be selected by the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA) Scholarship Committee; an interview and/or presentation to the committee may be required. **Please submit application via mail to: Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association, PO Box 494, Eagle River, WI 54521 postmarked no later than March 15, 2020.**

Payment for the amount of the scholarship awarded will be issued to the educational institution upon verification of completion of the first semester. First semester transcript (unofficial is acceptable) and proof of registration into the second semester must be submitted to VCLRA before the start of the second semester (by February 15). Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA during the first semester of their secondary education. VCLRA will also need student id number and complete address of where to send the scholarship money. Scholarship must be used within one year of presentation for tuition and/or instructional materials. Awardee(s) will be expected to give a brief verbal thank you presentation including their current career plans to the VCLRA board of directors at a meeting within the first year after being awarded a scholarship.

Name: NATHAN K RAUSE

Permanent Address: 5442 Sugar Maple Rd

Applicant's Phone Number: 715-617-1291 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: NORTHLAND Pines HS Eagle River, WI.

What school do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? ☒ Yes or No

What field do you plan to study (be as specific as possible)? Ashes and Aquatic Science

If your field of study is not natural resources, please explain how it relates to natural resources? (I.e. law enforcement to become a conservation officer.) \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to finance your education?

Estimated parent contribution (%) 75

Estimated student contribution (i.e. high school savings) (%) 15

Estimated student work-study or employment during college (%) \_\_\_\_\_

Other finances available such as loans and scholarships (%) 10

Signature of Applicant: Nathan Krause Date: 03/10/2020

**Attach** a list of all employment experiences, extracurricular, community, and volunteer activities that you participated in during grades 9-12; both in and out of school. Include year(s) of participation, offices held, and special honors. You may substitute a resume or CV.

Please **write** a 250-500 word essay (per question) answers to the following:

1. What do you see as the greatest threat to our natural resources? How do you plan to use your education and leadership skills to have a positive impact on this issue in the future?
2. Please describe how either a lake or river has influenced how you experience and perceive the area where we live and the world at large. How has water shaped your perspective of the world?

Please have your counselor complete the information below. If homeschooled, please have your primary educator fill to best of their ability and sign as verification. You may be asked to provide proof of scores.

This student ranks: 43 in a class of 104 GPA 3.17 SAT Composite \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: Composite 18 English 16 Math 17 Reading 20 Science Reasoning 19

Counselor Signature: K. Wranosky Date: 3-13-20

Counselor Contact Information (Phone/ Email): 715-479-4413 k.wranosky@npsd.k12.wi.us

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The purpose of the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association is to educate, communicate, and promote cooperation among organizations, individuals, governmental bodies, and the general public of Vilas County; and to preserve, protect, and enhance our lakes, and waterways for present and future generations.

## **High School Activities**

- Trap Shooting Team: I have been on this team since I was in the seventh grade. This year my senior year I was named captain of the team which I am very happy about. For the last four years I have gone to State Trap shoot in Rome, Wisconsin.
- Bass Fishing Team: Yes our school has a Bass Fishing Team and we are really good. The last two years we have finished in the top ten in the state which we are really proud of. I have been on the Bass Fishing Team since I was a freshman. Bass Fishing is going to be another big part when I go to college as I plan to fish on Stevens Point team.
- Football Team: I joined the Football Team my Freshman year which was a great and fun time. Unfortunately I had gotten hurt so I was never able to play the rest of my High School career. It was really hard because I had been playing football since I was in 5th grade.

## **High School Significant Awards**

- September Student of the Month: In september this year I was named student of the month for the Tech ED department. This was huge for me because I really put my heart and soul into all the projects I put out for the community in every way down in the labs. I would say I have been working for one since I was a freshman.

## **Outside of School Activities**

- Church School: I have been part of a church group since I was in elementary school. Just this last year I was confirmed in the church which means an adult in the church eyes. But before since I was young we would get together as a group and learn about god and his teachings.
- KAHOS(Kids and Adults on Sleds): This is a new group to Wisconsin that I am a part of that tries to get younger kids involved

in the sport of snowmobiling. We organize meetings, get together and talk about what fundraisers we want to do around the town. Also organize snowmobile rides together around the local trails.

- Snowmobile Club Phelps: I have been a part of our local snowmobile club since I could remember. By going to meetings and playing a part whenever it is needed. Also join in on a few of their snowmobile rides each year around northern Wisconsin.

## **Work Experience**

- Cisco Chain Marina(2018 to Present): I am the dock worker here at the marina. During the summer I deliver boats to people on the neighboring lakes. Also I full boats up with gas for people on the chain at the gas dock. Then there is the occasional cleaning of boats and areas around the marina. But the biggest job for us is putting in shore stations and docks in the water during the spring and pulling them out in the fall.
- Twin Haven Restaurant(2017-2018): Here at the restaurant I was the dishwasher and a cleaner around the place.
- Brian's Snowmobile Rentals(2013 to Present): This is my father's business, he has been renting snowmobiles since I was like 5 years old. But in 2013 I really became a part of the business as his mechanic. I fix all of his broken snowmobiles after they come back from rentals the week before. Also now I deliver the snowmobiles around to people that are renting for the week.

## **Volunteer Time**

- Three Bear Sled Dogs(Total 30hrs): This is a weekend I look forward to every year. When I get to work as trail help at the sled dog races in Lando Lakes. Every year I get some great memories out of this event and it brings me a lot of enjoyment.

- Earth Day(Total 24hrs): The whole school goes around to local community members and cleans their lawns for them. This is not only a big help to the members of the community it gives us kids a good feeling helping people we know.
- Tripoli Shriners(Total 8hrs): After school when the Shriner onions come every year I always went over and helped them load up onions. Off the semi on to individual trucks so they can go to there personal stands.
- Boulder Junction Shooting Range(Total 20hrs): This is our home range for Trap Shooting. So every spring and fall we like to get out and help clean up the range for them. The whole team gets together and we blow all of the trap ranges and skeet fields and clean up any other places needed for the club.

## **A Little More About Me**

I am a kid that has lived most of his life in the woods. I have been on a snowmobile since I was three. Always loved the snow and that will never change in the near future. Ever since I was a kid I have been fishing with some type of rod ice or open water. But these last few years I really have fell in love with tournament bass fishing and I am ready to take it to the next level. But I can't forget about the place I have been in since I could walk the woods. Ever since I could talk I would ask my dad if I could go hunting with him.

All of this love for the outdoors leads me to why I want to go into the major I am which is Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. Not only do I love catching fish I love the makeup of them and how they live and work in the wild. This major gives me the things I love being outside and working with animals that is why I choose it over everything else.

Eurasian Water Milfoil is a huge threat to our lakes right now. This is a big part of why I want to become a biologist and learn more about stopping this invasive weed. From completely ruining lakes for recreation also hurting resale value of homes on the water. Which is not fair people need more answers on the plant and how we can stop it. Which is why I really would put my time into researching ways to stop it from spreading to other lakes. More than what we are doing right now. Try figuring out methods we can do that don't target anything other than milfoil. Also want to do more tests on how the fish in lakes survive with this weed taking over the lake to help them in the long run. If we can figure out what causes this we can put an end to it or at least make a huge impact on the spread and help other lakes survive.

Biggest lake that has impacted my life I would have to say would be my home lake Sugar Maple lake in Phelps WI. This lake throws me for such a loop for fishing really hard for anything to survive or hard to find the fish in the lake. Sugar Maple lake really made me grow as a fisherman because it threw so many curve balls at me. Really showed how I had to move around with the fish and learn how to find structure and learn fish movements in a lake. Really I use all the things I learn about this to any lake I go to in a fishing tournament to this day. I have fish all over this country and I love northern wisconsin the most because of the wide variety of lakes we have up here. We really take for granted what beautiful nature we have up here. Until you go to other places and see what lakes have a lot of them are man made or backed up rivers you really appreciate the natural ones we have up here.



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**March 1, 2020**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to consider Nathan Krause for any applicable scholarships available.

I have known Nathan for the past six years and have had him in almost every one of my Technology Education classes. He has also been my Teacher Assistant for 2 hours a day during his Senior year. Outside of school, I have had the pleasure of coaching Nathan on our Trap team since he was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

In today's day and age it is hard to find a young person that possesses such positive traits as Nathan. He is a kid that loves to please others however he can. In school that comes in the form of repairing their cars, building woodworking projects, creating personalized projects in the FAB Lab or helping me in anyway as my Teacher Assistant. Outside of school his volunteer efforts have gone above and beyond with time spent helping the Three Bear Sled Dogs, working at the Boulder Junction Trap Range during clean-up days, and assisting friends and neighbors when they are in need. Nathan has a big heart that more often than not puts others' needs in front of his own.

I believe that Nathan's love for the outdoors is going to drive him to be very successful at UW Stevens Point where he will be studying Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. We have had many talks about what he wants to do in his future and he has chosen a field that I know is going to blend this passion with the compassion he has for others and the environment to accomplish great things.

I cannot speak highly enough of Nathan as a student and a person; he is one of the good ones, the rare ones that keep me motivated as a teacher to be the best I can be to help others realize their potential as he has. Nathan is such a hard worker at everything he does, persistent in his quest for solutions and when called upon, is a great leader who leads by example. I have known few students that show as much drive and determination as Nathan, when he sets a goal, he will reach it.

Nathan is a well-rounded and genuinely nice person and I hope you will seriously consider him for your scholarship. His compassion, dedication, and personality is going to take him far in life and your organization would be well represented with Nathan as your recipient.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding Nathan Krause, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Northland Pines High School  
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