

Urban Forest Stewards Scholarship Options

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TreeFolks UFS Scholarships

TreeFolks is proud to offer 5 full-ride scholarships for Urban Forest Stewards 2019-2020. These scholarships are designed to highlight non-science creativity while demonstrating the students' enthusiasm for the course and need for the scholarship. Requirements for each are specified under "Scholarship Description", and all scholarship applications should be submitted to collin@treefolks.org no later than 9/20/19. Scholarship awards will be made on 10/1/19. Students not receiving scholarships are still encouraged to sign up for the course, if possible.

S1: Restoring Rivers T-shirt Design

Scholarship Description:

Design a t-shirt for Show and Help 1: Restoring Rivers on January 25, 2020. The best drawing will be chosen by TreeFolks Staff and grace the front of our Show and Help 1 t-shirts! You must design a graphic that is between 1-3 colors, is original artwork by you, is a vectored image file, and is relevant to the subject matter of the event. Please also included a 50-to-200-word description of why you need the scholarship.

Event Description:

Creeks, streams, and rivers, oh my! Water is the life-blood of Central Texas and without our regional riverways, we would find life much more difficult. Join TreeFolks as we learn about riparian restoration from experts, plant saplings in a recent buy-out area along Williamson Creek, and thoroughly enjoy ourselves in one of the many wooded waterways of South Austin! Our trees will one day grow up to become a healthy riparian buffer that will help tame torrents and keep our creeks clean. We will end the day after a brief break with a short, sweet, streamside winter-tree-walk to explore the incredible diversity found in buy-out properties!

S2: Producing Propagules T-Shirt Design

Scholarship Description:

Design a t-shirt for Show and Help 2: Producing Propagules on March 2, 2020. The best drawing will be chosen by TreeFolks Staff and grace the front of our Show and Help 2 t-shirts! You must design a graphic that is between 1-3 colors, is original artwork by you, is a vectored image file, and is relevant to the subject matter of the event. Please also included a 50-to-200-word description of why you need the scholarship.

Event Description:

Have you ever wondered how you could turn one tree into many? Have you ever wanted to generate your own tree stock to use in stewardship projects? Come to the TreeFolks HQ and we'll take you through the steps of producing your own stock from myriad methods on several species! We will learn about seeds, both storage and stratification, followed by careful cuttings, languid layerings, dubious divisions, and much more! Students will be able to bring home all the material they produce OR donate it to TreeFolks! We will be using both the tried and true species for propagation and more trial-and-error trees. If you have a woody wonder that you'd like to bring in to work on, please do!

S3: Austin's Urban Forest Essay Contest

Scholarship Description:

Write a 500-to-900-word essay on why Austin's Urban Forest is important to you. The best essay will be chosen by TreeFolks Staff and be featured in one of the final three of TreeFolks' *Looking Up!* Newsletters this year. The essay should touch on why you feel you need the class in this context and how you think the scholarship will help you accomplish your personal stewardship goals. These essays do not need to be scientific in content, and in fact we expect more of a "feelers" approach to the topic. Stewardship goals listed in the essay do not necessarily need to be included in your final project.

S4: Tree Memory Essay Contest

Scholarship Description:

Write a 500-to-900-word essay on your favorite tree-related memory. The best essay will be chosen by TreeFolks Staff and be featured in one of the final three of TreeFolks' *Looking Up!* Newsletters this year. The essay should touch on why you feel you need the class in this context and how you think the scholarship will help you form new tree memories, either your own or in others. These essays do not need to be scientific in content, and in fact we expect more of a "feelers" approach to the topic. Any goals listed in the essay do not necessarily need to be included in your final project.

S5: Favorite Tree Essay Contest

Scholarship Description:

Write a 500-to-900-word essay on your favorite tree species, either native or not! The best essay will be chosen by TreeFolks Staff and be featured in one of the final three of TreeFolks' *Looking Up!* Newsletters this year. The essay should touch on why you feel you need the class in this context and how the scholarship might allow you to better understand and care for your favorite tree. These essays do not need to be scientific in content, and in fact we expect more of a "feelers" approach to the topic. Any goals listed in the essay do not necessarily need to be included in your final project.