



ASHLEY SCHIFF PARK PRESERVE SCHOLARSHIP

Stony Brook University

Dr. Ashley Schiff was a dedicated and popular Associate Professor of Political Science and an avowed naturalist in the early days of Stony Brook University. In the fall of 1969, he died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 37. A 26-acre woodland located on campus, lined with oak and maple trees, was dedicated in his memory by the former U.S. Interior Secretary Stewart Udall and SUNY Stony Brook President John S. Toll in 1970.

A rich variety of plants and animals can be found in the forest. A number of these plants are vulnerable native species under threat from development in many parts of the state. Animals such as garter snakes, Virginia opossums, and box turtles are known to live there. More information about Dr. Schiff, as well as the creation of the preserve can be found at www.ashleyschiff.org.

The Ashley Schiff Park Preserve Scholarship (ASPPS) recognizes Stony Brook University undergraduate and graduate students of outstanding academic ability who demonstrate a commitment to environmental preservation through academic studies or research projects using the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve. This scholarship (up to \$1,000 awarded annually) was established in 2006 by the Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve through a generous donation by Avalon Park & Preserve, Inc. to honor the memory of Dr. Ashley Schiff.

Scholarship Qualifications for Applicants

- A. Must be a full-time Stony Brook student the year the scholarship is in effect.
- B. Must be a Junior, Senior, or Graduate student demonstrating a commitment to environmental preservation through research using the Ashley Schiff Preserve.
- C. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- D. Must demonstrate leadership, potential, and promise.

In addition, the ASPPS Selection Committee seeks applicants that demonstrate:

- a passion and capacity to exercise leadership and respond to social and environmental challenges;
- a commitment to the values of diversity and justice within the environmental field;
- the desire to remain an active member of the Friends of Ashley Schiff Park Preserve (FASPP) after the conclusion of their education at Stony Brook University.

Scholarship Selection

- A. Applications for the Ashley Schiff Preserve Scholarship are being accepted for the 2008-2009 academic year.
- B. Selection will be made by a subcommittee of Interim Trustees and the student(s) will be notified by the Chair of the Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve.
- C. Scholarship recipients will be required to give a Power Point presentation of their research findings to the Advisory Board of the Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve.

Part III: To be completed by sponsoring professor, mentor, or research supervisor.

I am aware that _____ will participate in the activities described in his/her research proposal and that the applicant demonstrates the ability and motivation to see the project to completion as required by this scholarship. If the student is awarded the ASPPS, I am willing to be the student's advisor for the duration of this project and to attend the scholarship awarding ceremony.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Department _____ Date _____

Please submit all documentation to:

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