

**Recycling Alliance of Texas**  
**Linda B. Smith Memorial Scholarship for Women**  
**2007-2008 Scholarship Application**  
**Deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2007**

**BACKGROUND**

The Board of Directors of the Recycling Alliance of Texas established the Linda B. Smith Memorial Scholarship in 2001 to help a female college student who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improve and protect the environment.

Linda B. Smith believed that one person could make a difference in the world – and have a great time doing it. That's how Linda lived her life. Her passion for taking care of the environment was expressed daily – in her job, through community involvement and volunteerism, and in her home. In every aspect of her life, Linda B. Smith walked the talk.

Linda died unexpectedly in August 2001. Her contributions left the world a better place, but there is much yet to be done. Her legacy of environmental commitment and action will now happily continue through this scholarship. Money for the scholarship was raised from colleagues, family and friends. The ongoing scholarship is funded through the interest paid from contributions to the endowment. One scholarship was awarded in 2003, 2004, 2005, and two were awarded in 2006.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Female students attending an accredited Texas college or university (public or private) interested in obtaining a four-year college degree. (Entering freshman or undergraduate is eligible).
2. Residents of Texas.
3. Demonstrated annual environmental commitment.
4. Minimum 2.5 grade point average (or equivalent).
5. Registered for minimum 12 credit hours per semester.
6. Student must be selected as a finalist by scholarship trustees based on written application and essay.

**SELECTION**

The trustees of the scholarship fund will evaluate written applications received at the Linda B. Smith Environmental Scholarship for Women, c/o Cis Myers, Trustee, 3701 Lake Austin Blvd, M221, Austin, Texas 78703 **by 5 p.m. June 15, 2007**. Finalists may be asked to conduct an interview with the trustees (by telephone).

**AWARD AND PRESENTATION**

At least one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year. The winner must be able to travel in order to be present at the opening general session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Recycling and Sustainability Summit, Monday, August 20, 2007, Dallas/Plano Marriott, Legacy Town Center, Plano, Texas. Travel expenses will be paid by the Scholarship Fund.

## **LINDA B. SMITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN**

### **2007 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of each applicant:

#### **1. Grades, Course Work and Test Scores: (Ten Points)**

The applicant must have an overall grade average of “2.5” or better and have pursued a curriculum that indicates a potential for success in the course work to be pursued. The applicant must be enrolled in 12 hours of college work to be eligible to retain the scholarship.

#### **2. Financial Information: (Ten Points)**

Basic information about how the student plans to pay for college expenses.

#### **3. Personal Incentive, Volunteerism and Extracurricular Activities: (Forty Points)**

The student should list her extracurricular school activities, community involvement, and work experience with an emphasis on those things related to the environment.

#### **4. Personal Statement: (Forty Points)**

The personal statement plays a critical role in helping the screening committee select finalists for the selection process. Please spend an adequate amount of time and effort preparing your statement (not to exceed two pages).

#### **5. Personal Interview: (100 Points)**

Applicants selected as finalists will be interviewed by the Trustees of the Linda B. Smith Environmental Scholarship for Women and a representative of the Smith Family. No applicant will be considered for selection as a finalist who does not score a total of 80 points or above on Items 1-4.

#### **6. Recycling Alliance Affiliation (Five Points)**

Applicants who are a member or the child or grandchild of a member of The Recycling Alliance of Texas will receive five bonus points.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** All applications for the Linda B. Smith Environmental Scholarship for Women must be postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, June 15, 2007. Applications should be mailed to:

The Linda B. Smith Environmental Scholarship for Women  
c/o Cis Myers, Trustee, 3701 Lake Austin Blvd., M221, Austin, Texas 78703

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:** The items that follow are designed to collect information about your background, interests, and plans. Your response will be used only in connection with your application for this scholarship and to develop a brief biographical sketch if you are select to receive a scholarship. All areas must be completed or your application will not be considered.

Name of Applicant:

Social Security Number:

School Name:

School Address:

Permanent Home Address:

Home Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Sex:

Father's Full Name:

Occupation:

Father's Address (if different than yours):

Mother's Full Name:

Occupation:

Mother's Address (if different than yours):

Number of dependent children in your family (excluding the applicant):

Ages:

Are you a member or the child or grandchild of a Recycling Alliance of Texas member?

If yes, what is member's name?

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Please write a brief statement addressing the following:

As a student, how do you plan to finance your college education? Please list any and all other scholarships that you have received.



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List jobs you have held in the past four years, length of employment, and duties of each job:

Please use this space to make other remarks you feel would be helpful to the selection Committee in evaluating you and comparing you with other applicants for the Linda B. Smith Environment Scholarship for Women:

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Please print on a separate page and attach to this application. Your statement should not exceed two pages, single spaced, 12-point type. Please write a statement describing your environmental commitment and activities, including how you became interested in environmental issues. Your statement should address how you plan to apply the knowledge you gain, through the use of this scholarship, to improve environmental conditions as well as pursuing your environmental professional and personal goals.