



2023 Bill Drummond Young Birder Scholarships

Application Instructions

The Brookline Bird Club (BBC) is sponsoring two scholarships for young birders between the ages of 14 - 17 to attend **National Audubon's Hog Island Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens** camp on **June 18-23, 2023**. Hog Island is located in Bremen, Maine.

The purpose of the scholarships is to nurture interest in bird study and conservation among young birders by providing them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve their field skills, expand their range of experience as birders, and meet others of their age with like interests. Each scholarship will cover the full cost of the *Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens* program at National Audubon's Hog Island camp. The 2023 cost of \$1690 includes housing, boat travel, and all meals. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for the cost of transportation to and from the camp.

Applicants must be New England residents, ages 14-17 as of June 1, 2023. The age range for this program is stipulated by Hog Island. Each applicant must provide a signed statement of consent/commitment from a parent or legal guardian.

Evaluation of each applicant will be based on: (a) a personal statement demonstrating interest in bird and nature study (b) answers to the questions on the application form (c) two required letters of reference. Preference will be given to applicants with individual or family BBC memberships. To be considered a member, an applicant may join the club at the time of application.

The completed application and two letters of reference must be received by the BBC by **February 15, 2023**. References must be sent separately from the young birder's application. The selection and notification of recipients will be completed by **March 10, 2023**. Completed applications and letters of reference should be e-mailed to scholarship@brooklinebirdclub.org

Each scholarship recipient will be required to:

- register for the camp;
- share his/her camp experience with BBC members.

For details about National Audubon's Hog Island *Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens*, go to: <http://hogisland.audubon.org/bird-studies-teens>

To learn more about the Brookline Bird Club and to download an application, please visit the website at: <http://www.brooklinebirdclub.org/>

If you have questions, please contact John Nelson, Chair of the BBC Conservation and Education Committee, at: jnelson@northshore.edu