2027 Bill Drummond Young Birder's 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 in Bremen, Maine on **June 13–18, 2027**.

The BBC scholarship program was created 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 ($1790) of the *Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens* program at the Hog Island camp, including 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, 2027. Each applicant must provide a signed statement of consent/commitment from a parent or legal guardian. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Evaluation of each applicant will be based on: (a) a personal statement demonstrating interest in bird and nature study (b) answers to the three 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. A youth membership costs $10 for one year.

The completed application and two letters of reference must be received by the BBC Scholarship Committee by **February 15,2027**. Completed applications and letters of reference should be sent as PDF attachments in e-mails to scholarship@brooklinebirdclub.org

Subject line for application: Name of applicant, BBC scholarship application 2027
Subject line for references: Name of applicant, BBC scholarship reference 2027
References must be sent separately from the young birder's application.
The selection and notification of recipients will be completed by **March 11,2027**.

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 download an application or to learn more about the Brookline Bird Club, please visit the club 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