



The John and Margaret Maxwell Future of Conservation Award

Awarded by Friends of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge

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Sequim, WA 98382

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Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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This \$1,000 award is presented to a senior at Sequim High School who is interested in Conservation, Protection, and Restoration of the natural environment. The award is in commemoration of the significant efforts of John and Margaret Maxwell, former Presidents of the Friends of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge (FODNWR).

Please submit a typed response to any 3 of the following questions by **April 15, 2021**. You may remit your application to FODNWR@GMAIL.COM. Your application will be reviewed by a staff member of Washington Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Complex and 3 members of the Board of the FODNWR.

The winner will be announced in May.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) The Friends of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge (FODNWR) support volunteers to be "Weed Warriors". These volunteers remove invasive species and restore native plants on multiple Complex refuges. Why you think this is important for the Conservation and Restoration of the refuge lands?



- 2) The FODNWR also supports the protection lands and habitats outside the Complex boundaries by speaking with local communities and writing to Congress regarding issues that may negatively impact the environment (e.g., non-native fish pens, building houses on highly erosive bluffs). How do you see yourself gaining awareness of issues that impact our local environment and in what ways will you help express the public's concerns for such issues in the future?
- 3) The FODNWR and the Complex are thinking about the future. One idea is an app on tablet/cell for children and visitors that could entertain while informing visitors about plants, animals, birds and fish at the Refuge. Thinking about the future, what are some ways that technology and education can be presented to visitors to enhance their experience and attract new visitors?
- 4) Climate change is endangering our planet. Our public lands and the flora and fauna that they support and protect are under threat. "Solving" the problem is a huge global responsibility. Some efforts to help with this solution might include planting native trees and shrubs, eating locally sourced food to lessen your carbon footprint or ride a bike to work? In what ways do you currently lessen your impact on climate change and what will you do in the future to contribute to the global solution?
- 5) What are your aspirations after high school and how would you use the money from this award? How do you plan to help a refuge or other public lands? Please share any specific interests or passions that you will pursue regarding the conservation and protection of our public lands.

Submit your application for this award to FODNWR at FODWR@GMAIL.COM by **April 15, 2021**. **Be sure to include your contact information.**

Thank you and good luck.