



THE WANGARI MAATHAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CfA No: WMSF/R4/2016

INFORMATION NOTE & GUIDE TO APPLICANTS

All interested applicants are encouraged to carefully read and fully understand these guidelines before attempting to complete the application forms. Failure to strictly follow the guidelines may result in incomplete or rejection of submitted proposals.

Background of the Fund

The Wangari Maathai Scholarship Fund is an environmental innovations fund set up in memory of Professor Wangari Maathai that aims at developing action-oriented young people with strong values and commitment to the conservation of the physical and social environment in Kenya. The fund has been established by The Rockefeller Foundation, The Green Belt Movement and Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF).

About the Call This is the fourth public call for scholarship applications to the fund. A scholarship award from the fund is given each year to a young woman who has demonstrated passion and personal commitment to environmental conservation. This individual must also demonstrate their ability to successfully mobilize people and provide leadership in environmental advocacy.

Selection Criteria:

- A young woman of between the ages of 18 – 25 years.
- Kenyan citizens currently residing in Kenya
- The scholarship is limited to applicants who have enrolled in a Kenyan University
- Ability to demonstrate the environmental conservation project(s) they have started or have been involved in and how those initiatives have impacted people in their community, in ways that have improved environmental health and sustainability, and the fund's goals of achieving a greener, cleaner and a more sustainable community.

How to Apply

Detailed application guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from the following website: www.kcdf.or.ke. Applications NOT submitted in this form will be disqualified. **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS** can be submitted to KCDF by email to grants@kcdf.or.ke to be received **on or before 5.00pm, 28th March 2016**. **Any other supportive documents should be scanned and sent as attachments with the filled in proposal**. Please state on the email subject line: **CfA No. WMSF/R4/2016**. Applications delivered outside the deadline shall be automatically disqualified. Applicants must counter check with the checklist to ensure that all the required attachments are included. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.

Please note that, the WMSF grant administrators reserves the right to ask for additional information at any stage of the selection process.

- **Call for Applications** 29th February, 2016
- **Dissemination** 29th to 11th March, 2016
- **Deadline for Submission of Proposals** 11th April, 2016
- **Screening & Review:** 15th April, 2016
- **Notification of Awards & Agreements Signing** 29th April, 2016
- **Disbursement of Grant** 13th May, 2016