

**THE TRAIL BLAZERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Offered in 2018 in honor of Jack Rollo**

**Background:**

The Trail Blazers is a volunteer organization that contributes its time, energy and knowledge toward helping the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to enhance recreational alpine fishing. Members participate in a variety of studies, conservation and wilderness protection activities, camp cleanups, stream restoration and trail maintenance, but the fish stocking and surveying activities have given the Trail Blazers their focus that has endured since 1933.

For 2018, the Trail Blazers offers a scholarship in memory of Jack Rollo. Jack was a long time Trail Blazer who loved to run and spend time in the mountains. After graduating from Seattle University and serving in the Korean War, he spent time in Europe teaching children of military families. Jack was a devoted educator and had a uniquely genuine connection with youth. Last summer his ashes were scattered in the Cle Elum river at his cabin in Salmon La Sac, where he hosted several Trail Blazers retreats. As his ashes flowed downstream, they touched the banks of the Yakima and Columbia rivers before they reached the sea. Like the river banks, Jack touched the lives of those he met with his sincerity and generosity.

The Trail Blazers, Inc. are most interested in assisting students who seek a career that will enhance the management of wilderness, natural resources and fisheries science in Washington State's mountains.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for consideration, students must complete the attached application form and submit it along with the attachments requested. It must be received by July 1st of the year of the award.

**Student Selection:**

Applicants will be judged on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, integrity, and other personal achievements. Please describe how your interests align with our mission of enjoying and enhancing recreational alpine fishing. Preference will be given to those applicants who demonstrate an interest in pursuing careers that involve professional work in Washington's high country. (Examples: forester, fisheries scientist, geologist, wildlife biologist, botanist, or wilderness recreation specialist.) Since students usually do not know for certain where their professional careers will begin, the applicant should give some detail as to the probability of their working in Washington State. Applicants with existing or planned research work in Washington's high country will be given additional preference.

**Awards:**

Qualified student(s) will be selected to receive a \$1,000 one-time scholarship. Applications are available at the Trail Blazers website: [www.watrailblazers.org](http://www.watrailblazers.org). Email completed application materials to [ryanseamusdunne@gmail.com](mailto:ryanseamusdunne@gmail.com). Refer any questions and/or comments to:

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To be considered, a student must have submitted a complete application packet. All applications will be reviewed by the selection committee only and are confidential.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following with your application:

1. Complete application form
2. Current transcript
3. Current resume
4. Two letters of recommendation from a sponsor or staff member of the student's current school
5. A typed double-spaced personal essay. The essay should include a description of the student's community or outdoor service, interests, professional goals and the area of study being pursued. It should also contain a discussion of the student's outdoor activities, and a statement on why he/she is worthy of this award