**Ben Kessel Memorial Scholarship Application Form – Natick High School**

The Ben Kessel Memorial Fund offers one or more scholarships, between $500 and $2,500, to one or more NHS seniors planning to attend a four-year college with a STEM Major. Our ideal candidate will demonstrate a high aptitude in STEM subjects and creative problem-solving skills, as well as a strong interest in the natural world or current environmental issues.

**Please submit:**

* **A high school transcript**
* **SAT/ACT scores** *(optional)*
* **At least TWO letters of recommendation** from teachers, counselors, and/or leaders in any service, civic, religious, sports, or other organization.
* **A resume that includes your work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service or activities.**
* **Written responses to the prompts below.**

***Completed application form, along with transcript, resume, and any SAT/ACT scores you want us to consider, must be returned electronically to*** ***benkesselmemorial@gmail.com*** ***no later than Tuesday, March 15, 2021. Letters of recommendation should be returned electronically directly from the recommenders by the same date.***

 **Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

( ) Is it OK for us to text you?

 **Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **If student is under 18 years old: Parent/Legal Guardian’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Planned College Major(s): 1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Guidance Counselor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Colleges applied to (in order of Preference)**

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 **I authorize Natick High School to release my academic records for this scholarship.**

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 **Student’s Signature**

**Please provide short responses to each of the following (up to 200 words for each):**

1. What motivates you to major in STEM?
2. Describe an experience you have had in your life that has deepened your connection with nature.
3. What current environmental issue are you most passionate about and why?
4. Give an example of a challenge you have faced and what you did to overcome it.
5. Give an example of how STEM could be applied to protect the environment.
6. Is there anything else you want us to know about you?

Are you the first person in your household to:

1. Graduate High School ( )
2. Pursue a 4-year degree ( )
3. None of the above ( )

What is your STEM GPA (provide weighted GPA if applicable):

1. 3.7-4.0+ ( )
2. 3.3-3.6 ( )
3. 3.0-3.2 ( )
4. 2.7-2.9 ( )
5. Less than 2.7 ( )

Do you spend more than 15 hr/week working for income or providing care to family members during the academic year?

1. Yes ( )
2. No ( )