The Department of Biology at Millersville University will award a **scholarship of approximately $1000.00** to an entering freshman biology major with a keen interest in botany. The recipient will develop a botanical research project in collaboration with a faculty member that will lead to the presentation of research results in the student’s senior year. The scholarship will be awarded for the Fall 2013 semester and may be renewed for up to three additional years contingent upon the satisfactory performance of the recipient. Approximately 70% of the scholarship will be used to defray University tuition and fees for the student. The remainder will be held in an account for the student to use for materials and costs associated with his/her research project. The recipient of this award shall be designated the **James C. Parks Scholar**.

Applicants for this scholarship should meet the following criteria:
-- High school class rank in the top 10% or a GPA ≥ 3.5  
-- combined SAT score ≥ 1100  
-- An avid interest in plant research

Renewal of this award beyond the freshman year is contingent upon maintenance of a minimum GPA of 3.0 and continued progress in the design and execution of the student’s botanical research project, under the supervision of a Biology faculty member.

To apply for this scholarship, please submit the following:
1. Application for admission to MU (with high school transcript showing class rank and SAT scores)  
2. Scholarship application form and essay (see attached pages)  
3. Senior year grade report showing courses in progress and grades in report periods completed to date

Send all materials to:
James C. Parks Scholarship  
c/o Admissions Office  
Millersville University  
P.O. Box 1002  
Millersville, PA 17551-0302

Scholarship applications are currently being accepted for the 2013/2014 academic year. Full consideration will be given to applications received by April 1, 2013.
Biology Scholarship Application Form
Millersville University
James C. Parks Scholarship in Botanical Research

Name:
Address:

Phone:
E-mail:
SSN:
Date of Birth:
High School:
High School Address:

High School Phone:

Please provide the names of two high school teachers, at least one of whom has taught you in biology or a related course. These individuals may be contacted as references.

Name:
Phone (W):
Phone (H):
E-mail:
Position:

Name:
Phone (W):
Phone (H):
E-mail:
Position:
Write a brief essay describing your interest in plant biology. Please include:

(1) what sparked your interest and how it has changed over time;

(2) what you envision your involvement in the biological sciences to be in five years;

(3) a description of your extracurricular activities relating to biology (such as participation in biology clubs, field trips, science fair projects, etc.)

(4) any other information we may find useful in evaluating your application.