Jane Goodall Endowed Scholarship

In October 2007, Dr. Jane Goodall came to Iowa Lakeside Laboratory to share her reasons for hope in a world marred by environmental degradation, violence and war, and to encourage young people to make the world a better place for all living things. Her visit was sponsored by the Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation and hosted by the Friends of Lakeside Lab.

To mark this event, the Friends of Lakeside Lab established the Dr. Jane Goodall Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2007. Students or visiting researchers may earn a full award (4 weeks, $780) or partial award (2 weeks, $390) for basic room and board at Lakeside.

Application Process

To apply, prepare an original, unpublished essay stating your personal perspective on one of the topics below and email it to the Lakeside Director at Mary-Skopec@uiowa.edu no later than April 15.

1. Consider the relationship between the educational philosophy of Dr. Thomas Macbride, Lakeside founder, who advocated “learning about nature in nature” by using the outdoors as a living classroom, and Dr. Goodall’s experience studying chimpanzee behavior in the natural habitat of Gombe Forest. What role does field experience have on learning and making connections between living things? How does this relate to your academic and career goals?

2. Dr. Goodall maintains that it is necessary to link knowledge with compassion and action in making the world a better place for all living things. Explain your perspective on this philosophy, illustrating it with a specific example from your life experience and how you wish to pursue this linkage in your academic and career interests.

Your essay should be no more than 3,000 words on numbered pages. For further inspiration, you may wish to visit the website of the Jane Goodall Institute at www.janegoodall.org.

Essays will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of the Friends of Lakeside Lab.