Thank you for your interest in an education program with the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. We understand that a field trip is often out of reach for many schools due to the rising cost of transportation and shrinking budgets. Thanks to the generosity of many of Audubon's supporters, we presently have the following financial aid opportunities available on a first come, first served basis.

## **Program Scholarships:**

Program scholarships are currently available on a case by case basis. Please fill out the application below and we will consider every request.

## **Transportation Scholarships:**

If your school is participating in a program at Audubon's Environmental Education Center or one of our other wildlife refuges around the state, you are eligible for up to \$250 reimbursement to be applied towards the cost of your bus. All schools qualify for transportation scholarships.

## **Terms and Conditions:**

- The funding is offered on a first come first served basis.
- Scholarships may vary in amount depending on the school/group needs.
- Transportation funding may only be used for bus transportation and cannot be applied towards program fees.
- Scholarship applications must be completed by the teacher/program organizer.
- You will receive confirmation for the amount of funding received within two weeks of our receiving your scholarship application.
- Teachers/program organizers are in charge of all scheduling and logistics with the bus company.
- A transportation invoice from the bus company MUST be submitted to Audubon's Education Department within a month after the scheduled program.
- Audubon will mail a check to the school for the predetermined amount only AFTER an invoice is received and the program has taken place. Checks cannot be mailed to the bus company.

Scholarship applications, letters, and transportation invoices must be emailed to **Lisa Maloney**, **Urban Education Coordinator**, **Imaloney@asri.org**, mailed to **1401 Hope Street**, **Bristol**, **RI 02809 Attn: Lisa Maloney**, or faxed to our fax # at **401-245-9339**.

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## **Scholarship Application**

To apply, please fill out the application below and provide a letter addressing the following: -Why does your school/group want to visit the Audubon Society of Rhode Island? -Why are you applying for this scholarship? -How will this trip benefit your students? -What other sources of funding have you tried to obtain to assist with covering the cost of the trip? -What is the estimated cost of the bus? Check which scholarship(s) you are applying for: Program Scholarship Amount Requested: Transportation Scholarship Amount Requested: School Name: Contact Person: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students Participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate the Audubon location you will be visiting (Bristol, Smithfield, Exeter, or Seekonk, MA): For questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Maloney, Urban Education Coordinator, lmaloney@asri.org or 401-245-7500 x3113. For ASRI Office Use Only Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Bus Invoice Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter Included: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to Bookkeeping: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Amount: PO #: Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation note sent to Teacher/Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_