

2020 Wendy Repass Suozzo Memorial Award Sponsored by the Friends of Five Rivers (FFR)

Information

Wendy Repass Suozzo was a lifelong educator with a deep and heartfelt passion for nature. She was known for her compassionate spirit, cheerful attitude and for the positive impact she had on all those whose lives she touched.

Wendy's love of nature led her to a long and productive career as an environmental educator at Cape Cod (MA) National Seashore, Sharon (CT) Audubon Center, Capital Region (NY) BOCES, and the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Most recently, as a program coordinator for the Friends of Five Rivers, Wendy shared that love of nature with children and adults alike. Devoting tremendous energy and displaying her skill as a fine teacher, she inspired her students to wonder at the mysteries to be found all around them.

Wendy's dedication and respect for the natural world serves as a worthy model for all of us.

About the Award:

The Wendy Repass Suozzo Memorial Award is for \$2,000.00 and will be distributed to the selected Bethlehem Central High School graduating senior once proof of college registration for the upcoming fall semester is provided to FFR.

Eligibility Requirements:

The Memorial Award will be granted to a graduating senior at Bethlehem Central High School with the following qualifications:

- 1) Intended field of college studies (preference given to Environmental Education, Environmental Studies; appropriate fields include Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Environmental Law)
- 2) Contacts with Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
- 3) Involvement with other environmental centers and organizations (e.g. Pine Hollow Arboretum, Discovery Center, Thatcher Park Nature Center, Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy)
- 4) Involvement in environmental activities (e.g. BHS Environmental Club, Environmental-related scouting projects)
- 5) Previous and/or on-going volunteer activities relative to environmental education, environmental issues, or conservation
- 6) Demonstrated interest in environmental protection and conservation

Application Procedures:

Applicants should complete the Application for the Wendy Repass Suozzo Memorial Award Sponsored by the Friends of Five Rivers and submit/mail their application, along with a Letter of Recommendation, a current Resume, and the Written Response to the following address:

Friends of Five Rivers
Attn: Joanne Macklin/Memorial Award Committee
56 Game Farm Road
Delmar, New York 12054

All applications and attachments must be received by April 10, 2020, no later than 4 p.m.

Incomplete applications will not be eligible for review. If you have questions, please call Joanne Macklin at 475-0295 or e-mail her at FriendsFiveRivers@outlook.com.

The announcement of the Award recipient will be made in late May, 2020.