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Caption: 2015 scholarship donors and recipients with “Ding” Education Committee members Wendy Schnapp (far left) and Ranger Becky Larkins

### **March 31 DDWS scholarships application deadline**

Application deadline for about a dozen scholarships from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each, is March 31, 2016. High school seniors or college students in or from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades counties intending to pursue degrees in environmental-related studies can apply.

The scholarships will be awarded at a special ceremony at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island in June 2016.

Interested students can find more information and printable application forms at [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/student-scholarships](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/student-scholarships).

It is still possible to honor friends and family members with a conservation scholarship in their name. To learn more, please contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

### **ABOUT DDWS**

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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