

**APPLICATION for the AZURE MOUNTAIN FRIENDS
'VOLUNTEER' INTERPRETER SCHOLARSHIP**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ **email address** _____

Currently attending high school _____ **or college** _____ **(Check one)**

Name of School you are currently attending _____

If in High School what is the college you plan to attend _____

Age _____ **Grade Point average** _____

Please attach a reference from an instructor or guidance counselor who is familiar with your work.

Attach a brief essay (at least 250 words) which describes "Why I would like to spend 5 days as an Azure Mountain Friends volunteer fire tower interpreter in the Summer of 2009"

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____ **Date** _____

Thank you for your interest in Azure Mountain Friends.

Mail your application and the reference to Mike McLean

**Mike McLean
83 Gulf Road
Colton, NY 13625**

DUE MAY 7

Dear Madam/Sir;

The Azure Mountain Friends is a not-for-profit organization that serves as a Natural Resource Steward under an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The organization was formed to restore and maintain the Azure Mountain Fire Tower. In addition, its mission is to protect the summit environment of Azure Mountain and to provide conservation awareness to visitors to the mountain and fire tower through education information provided by “volunteer interpreters” on the summit.

In 2005, the Board of Directors of the Azure Mountain Friends voted to provide a scholarship to college bound high school seniors and/or college students who have an interest in environmental conservation and/or the preservation and interpretation of historic structures. The fire tower on Azure Mountain was constructed in 1918 and is on the Federal and New York State Registries of Historic Places. Scholarship recipients will receive training in the social and natural history of Azure Mountain and its fire tower and, through service as a volunteer interpreter, will gain experience in explaining and interpreting that history to visitors.

The scholarship of \$350 will be awarded competitively based on the student’s qualifications and potential. Each applicant should complete the enclosed form, provide the requested essay and include a reference from an instructor or adviser who has knowledge of the student’s interests and capabilities. The scholarship must be applied either to college or university tuition or for books and fees. The complete materials should be mailed to the address at the bottom of the application form.

All application materials should be postmarked between April 1 and May 7, 2010. Applicants will be informed of the committee’s decision between May 7 and 15th. If you have any questions regarding Azure Mountain Friends, or the scholarship, please feel free to contact Mike McLean 315-524-0182 or mpmclean@twcnny.rr.com.

Sincerely,

Joe Berner