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### **Friends of Chatham Waterways Invites Applications for 2026 Lewis E. Kimball, Jr. Environmental Scholarship**

CHATHAM --- Friends of Chatham Waterways (FCW) announces the 2026 Lewis E. Kimball Scholarship for environmental and marine studies. Up to \$2,000 is available for graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students who are majoring in environmental studies, marine ecology, or related fields. Applicants must be residents of Cape Cod or the Islands, or graduates of a Cape Cod high school or college. This scholarship is an investment in the next generation of leaders who will work to protect, educate, and enjoy our unique waterways and surrounding lands.

FCW was founded in 1983 as a non-profit organization committed to the protection, wise use, and enjoyment of Chatham's fresh and salt waterways and adjoining lands. The memorial scholarship honors Lew Kimball, a founding director of the grassroots nonprofit. He led FCW in creating the Stage Harbor Management Plan – the first of its kind in the state for a town. It became a model for many other towns in Massachusetts. Lew held leadership roles at FCW and in the community until his death in 2012.

Since 2007, nearly 70 students have been supported by Friends of Chatham Waterways scholarships. For more information and the current scholarship application, visit [www.chathamwaterways.org](http://www.chathamwaterways.org) under the "Outreach" tab. The application deadline is March 31st.

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