

Scholarships for Biology and Wildlife Students from the UA Foundation

Unless otherwise noted (in bold, italics), apply for all scholarships through the UA Foundation Online Scholarship Application page:

(http://www.alaska.edu/foundation/donor_relations/scholarships). ***The deadline for these Scholarship applications is 15 February.*** *Not all scholarships are available each year, and the amounts awarded may vary.* Please contact the UA Foundation if you need additional information on a specific scholarship.

Read through the information below to determine which scholarship(s) you may be qualified for. When you apply online, be sure to write your essay to the specific scholarship(s) for which you wish to be considered; it would be helpful to also name the scholarship(s) in your essay (see below).

To be considered for need-based scholarships, complete the 2013-2014 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov between 1 January and 15 February.

HOW TO WRITE A GOOD APPLICATION

Remember that Biology and Wildlife faculty judge your application. We score applicants based on the specifications of each award and on your GPA. We are provided your essay, along with your GPA, major (s), number of credits taken, financial aid information (from FAFSA), and residency information (city of current residence and high school city). If the award specifies criteria that are not on this list, the only way we can know if you fit the award is if it is described in your essay.

We are especially interested in the following:

Scientific research experience: What was your role, what questions were you asking, what organisms were you studying? Have you given any presentations of your research (talks, posters)?

Outdoor/field experience: Especially as related to science and scientific research

Natural resource management/environment/conservation: Don't just say "I'm concerned about the environment." Tell us how you have demonstrated a commitment to these areas by taking relevant classes, doing relevant research, and/or volunteering, etc.

Financial need: Please tell us if you have a strong financial need, especially if it isn't reflected in your FAFSA numbers.

Leadership: Have you served as president of the Wildlife Society? Did you organize a fundraiser? Did you coach little league? Do you volunteer at the animal shelter? Tell us about it.

Society Membership: Do you belong to any scientific societies (e.g. Sigma Xi, The Wildlife Society, Premed society, etc)?

Career plans: What are your career plans? What have you done to achieve those goals?

SCHOLARSHIPS

Undergraduate Students Only

Carol Feist Memorial Award for Undergraduate Biology

Purpose: (1) encourage undergraduate research in biology; (2) honor undergraduate students, majoring in biology or related fields, who show outstanding promise, enthusiasm, and scholarship. Eligibility: Students of biology with GPA \geq 2.0.

Rex Thomas Memorial Award

Purpose: support for junior or senior student specializing in the area of wildlife biology (outdoor/field) who has among other things, demonstrated potential for contributing to his chosen field of endeavor. Eligibility: Junior or Senior in wildlife biology (field) with GPA \geq 3.0.

John B. and Mae M. Hakala Scholarship

Purpose: general support for undergraduate students in natural resources management (forestry), wildlife biology, biological sciences, or those students pursuing a career in nursing. Eligibility: students that are Alaska residents in the aforementioned majors with GPA \geq 2.0.

Undergraduate or Graduate Students

W. Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: support for students in the broad field of environmental studies in any of the natural science disciplines, engineering, mineral engineering or petroleum engineering. Eligibility: focus of study must be on the environment; applicants should demonstrate their motivation and academic/leadership potential. Full-time students with a \geq 3.2 GPA

Druska Carr Schaible Memorial Scholarship in Biological Sciences

Purpose: general support for an outstanding student majoring in biological sciences. Eligibility: full-time student in biology with a \geq 2.0 GPA.

Richard K. Woodward Endowment Scholarship for Biological Sciences

Purpose: support for biology students with financial need. Eligibility: sophomore, junior, senior or graduate Students in Biological Sciences. Full-time students; interior and northern Alaska residents preferred first; other rural areas of Alaska second, and Anchorage area last. Must demonstrate financial need; should demonstrate motivation and academic/leadership potential.

Lowell Thomas Jr. Scholarship

Purpose: support for students interested in the management of natural resources or the environment. Eligibility: full-time student in good academic standing; Alaskan residents preferred; demonstration of motivation, academic and leadership potential.

Randy Howenstein Memorial Field Research Fund

Purpose: support for travel and field research students in the Department of Biology and Wildlife (with an emphasis in Botany). Eligibility: undergraduates or graduate students in biology with emphasis in botany. **Contact Financial Aid Office.**

Frances and Alfred Baker Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: support for aquatic biology students with a strong preference for those including environmental health issues. Eligibility: aquatic biology (to include marine biology and biological oceanography but not exclude freshwater)

Rev. Bob and Dr. Sharon Swope Scholarship

Purpose: support for students pursuing careers in health sciences, science education or science reporting. Eligibility: must be pursuing a career in health sciences, science education or science reporting; examples of appropriate majors are emergency services, justice, journalism, biology, nursing, chemistry and education

Liu Huang Chou Scholarship

Purpose: support for international students; these funds can be used for, but are not limited to, travel to conferences and other academic meetings. Eligibility: international students (Chinese preferred) studying plant health (plant pathology preferred), plant biology or agriculture at the University of Alaska Fairbanks with ≥ 2.0 GPA

Kathryn "K" E. and John Doyle Scholarship

Purpose: support in the name of the endowment for the benefit of female students majoring in the sciences (excluding social and human behavioral sciences) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Eligibility: students in all sciences (fisheries, biology, etc.) but excluding social and human behavioral sciences; preference to marine mammal, geology or "edible animal" sciences. ***This award may not be available until there are sufficient funds.***

Betty A. Anderson Memorial for Avian Studies

Purpose: support for students who show an interest in avian studies, particularly those which mirror Betty's passions and professional interests including basic natural history, behavior, application of techniques to monitor rare birds, and impact assessment due to industrial development and climate change, etc. Eligibility: must have ≥ 3.0 GPA

Matthew Iya Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: supports students that are involved in coursework or research related to the Pacific Walrus. Eligibility: Alaska resident.

Graduate Students Only

Jim Stelmock Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: to assist a graduate student in terrestrial wildlife biology and management who have significant need of financial support and have a high likelihood of completing their degree programs. Eligibility: wildlife biology; wildlife management with ≥ 2.0 GPA

Francis "Bud" Fay Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: support for a full-time UAF graduate student studying marine biology. Eligibility: marine biology with ≥ 2.0 GPA

John Marooney Scholarship

Purpose: support for graduate students committed to wildlife management or wildlife habitat conservation. Eligibility: preference for students that will remain in Alaska.

Alaska Trappers Association's Dean Wilson Scholarship

Purpose: support for purchasing books, journals, computer hardware or software, or equipment for use in the recipient's research. Eligibility: graduate student in wildlife biology at UAF, with ≥ 3.0 GPA; previous recipients cannot reapply. ***Must apply through UAF Supplemental Scholarship.***