

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

WILDLIFE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The mission of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. Part of that mission includes education. We realize the importance of education to the future of wildlife: today's informed public will leave a legacy of habitat for tomorrow's wildlife.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's *Wildlife Leadership Awards* program was established in 1991 to "recognize, encourage and promote leadership among future wildlife management professionals." One of these awards is the Gerald L. (Jerry) Turpin Wildlife Leadership Award. The recipient of this award is selected from the same pool of applicants as the Wildlife Leadership Awards. The Turpin family established this scholarship in memory of Gerald L. (Jerry) Turpin (1977-2001).

The Elk Foundation's *Wildlife Leadership Awards* will be presented to undergraduate wildlife students. Each award carries a \$2,000 scholarship, and a one-year membership to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Qualifications

By the completion of the spring semester/quarter, applicants must:

1. Be an undergraduate in a wildlife related natural resource program, in a four-year college/university in the United States or Canada;
2. Have at least a junior standing (completed a minimum of 56 semester hours or 108 quarter hours);
3. Have at least one semester or two quarters remaining in their degree program;
4. Be scheduled to be enrolled as a full-time student for the following fall semester/quarter.

Previous recipients of the Elk Foundation's *Wildlife Leadership Awards* are ineligible.

Application Deadline

Your application must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Application Procedures

Complete the Scholarship Application Form (only typed applications will be accepted), have your Department Head/Chairperson complete their designated section and sign, enclose two letters of recommendation from faculty in your department, and mail, fax or e-mail to:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Wildlife Leadership Awards
P. O. Box 8249
Missoula, MT 59807-8249
Attention: Becky Bennett
Phone : 1-800-225-5355, ext. 555
Fax: 406-523-4581
E-mail: awards@rmef.org
Web site: www.rmef.org

**NOTE: If you email your application, make sure that all signatures are signed, not typed, and sent as PDF files*

Feel free to photocopy this application or access it on our web site.

You will receive a phone call acknowledging receipt of your application. If you do not receive acknowledgment within two weeks, please call 1-800 CALL ELK, ext. 555, to confirm receipt of your application.

Selection Process

Each application will be screened by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Scholarship Committee, which will make the final decision regarding the selection of recipients. *Wildlife Leadership Award* recipients will be announced in May, and scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of the fall semester/quarter.

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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Hand written applications will not be accepted)

DATE: _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(last) (first) (m.i.)

SCHOOL YEAR ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE _____ (day) _____ (eve) E-MAIL _____

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

NAME OF UNIVERSITY ATTENDING: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____

DATES ATTENDED: _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

AREA OF STUDY OR MAJOR: _____

OTHER UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED: _____ DATES ATTENDED: _____

HOBBIES & LEISURE ACTIVITIES (5 points): In 100 words or less, list your hobbies and leisure activities.

Name: _____

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (35 points): In 500 words or less, describe your LEADERSHIP activities and accomplishments as they relate to wildlife or natural resources. List organization, dates, offices held, committee chairs, or other examples of leadership in wildlife and conservation organizations, professional associations, as well as community and university groups and activities.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (5 points): In 100 words or less, list any wildlife related work experience you have had to date, include length of employment.

Name: _____

ESSAY : (25 points) In 250 words or less, describe the historical, present and future role of hunting in conservation.

Name: _____

CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES (20 points): In 300 words or less, identify what you believe to be the most important conservation issues facing North America during the next ten years, and how they will impact future wildlife management activities.

Name: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT (10 points): In 100 words or less, write a statement directed to the Elk Foundation Scholarship Committee stating how the receipt of this scholarship will benefit you in achieving your career goals.

Name and address of university newspaper: _____

Name and address of hometown newspaper: _____

RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION: I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes if selected. I also give permission to release information concerning my academic progress to donors of the scholarship I may receive. I understand that I must be registered as a full-time wildlife student next fall semester/quarter to be eligible to receive an Elk Foundation scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in the application is true and correct.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

When you have completed all parts of the application form, please give it to your Department Head or Chairperson to complete the following information. Your Department Head or Chairperson can then mail it directly to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Be sure to enclose two letters of recommendation from departmental faculty - encourage faculty to stress your leadership qualities. (10 points).

The applicant, _____, will be a full-time student of **junior** or **senior** standing by the end of the spring semester/quarter (56 semester hours or 108 quarter hours) in the wildlife curriculum in the department of _____ . His/her GPA on a 4.0 scale to date is _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

University: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please mail, fax or e-mail this application to:

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