



WFA's Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship

The Wild Felid Research and Management Association (WFA) began awarding the Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship in 2009 to encourage and support graduate level university students involved in wild felid research. The scholarship honors dedicated biologists who worked hard to understand and contribute to wildlife conservation, and who we

unfortunately lost too soon. They include Dave Maehr, Ian Ross, Rocky Spencer, Eric York, Deanna Dawn, Donna Krucki, and Howard Quigley. More on these inspiring individuals can be found on the WFA's website: www.wildfelid.org. Scholarships are made possible through grants and donations to WFA. Contributors have included The Summerlee Foundation, Deanna Dawn's family, Altria Group, The Cougar Fund, WFA members, and private individuals.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND: The Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship provides support to a graduate-level university student conducting research on one of the Western Hemisphere's wild felids. **Up to 3 scholarships, ranging from \$1250-\$2000, are awarded each year.** Recipients are also recognized in the WFA's newsletter, *The Wild Felid Monitor*. Applications are evaluated based on: demonstrated need for financial aid; participation in a research project that aims to improve our understanding of wild felid biology, management and/or conservation; and recommendations by professors and supervisors.

APPLICATION CRITERIA: Each Scholarship Applicant must be a student member of WFA.

If you are not currently a member, simply go to our website at www.wildfelid.org and sign up. Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's Degree and be enrolled in a graduate program in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management, or a related natural resource field, with a research focus that includes wild felids. Recipients agree to provide at least one update on their graduate work for inclusion in the *Wild Felid Monitor*.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS:

- Current CV
- Copy of your acceptance letter into a graduate program in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management, or a related natural resource field.
- Two letters of reference (including email addresses): one from a professor familiar with your academic capabilities and accomplishments; the second from a supervisor whom you worked for in a natural resources-related position (volunteer or internship work is acceptable).
- In a word document: Short essay* (500-750 words) describing: (1) your interests in wild felid research; (2) your career goals; (3) how you would use the award to further your professional development; and (4) your demonstration of financial need.

*At the top of your essay, provide the following so we may include it in the summer issue of *The Wild Felid Monitor*: Name and email address; degree applying for; department and university attending; major advisor and his email address; thesis/dissertation title; research objectives; completion date.

Only emailed applications will be accepted. References can also send their letters electronically.

All application materials must be received by **APRIL 15**.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications should be addressed to: Mark Lotz, Acting Scholarship Chair
Email to: wild.felid.association@gmail.com
Please put "Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

