



## The 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 lost their lives while seeking to understand and contribute to the conservation of wildlife: Dave Maehr, Ian Ross, Rocky Spencer, Eric York, Deanna Dawn, Donna Krucki, and as of 2023, Howard Quigley.

More on these inspiring individuals can be found on the WFA's web site: [www.wildfelid.org](http://www.wildfelid.org). Scholarships are made possible through grants and donations to WFA. Past contributors have included The Summerlee Foundation, Deanna Dawn's family, Altria Group, WFA members, and private individuals.

**PURPOSE OF THE FUND:** The Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship provides financial aid to a graduate-level university student conducting research on one of the Western Hemisphere's wild felids. Depending on funding, one to three scholarships of \$1200 to \$1500 each are awarded and recipients are 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](http://www.wildfelid.org) and sign up). As of July 1 of the application year, applicants also 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 résumé
- 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 **MARCH 30**.  
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications should be emailed to:

Dr. Anthony Giordano, Scholarship Chair  
[Species1@hotmail.com](mailto:Species1@hotmail.com)

Please put "Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

