

Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship

Offered by the Wild Felid Research and Management Association (WFA)

The Wild Felid Research and Management Association is pleased to announce the 2010 Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship. The scholarship was created in 2009 to encourage and support a graduate-level university student involved in wild felid research. The scholarship is offered in honor of four distinguished and dedicated biologists who lost their lives while seeking to understand and conserve wildlife, including wild felids:

Ian Ross (1958-2003), Rocky Spencer (1952-2007), Eric York (1970-2007), and Dave Maehr (1956- 2008).

More on these four inspiring researchers can be found on the WFA's web site www.wildfelid.org.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship provides financial aid to a graduate-level university student conducting research on wild felids. The scholarship will be awarded in the summer of 2010. The recipient will receive \$1,000 and be recognized in the WFA's newsletter, the *Wild Felid Monitor*. Applications will be 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 undergraduate and graduate GPA. The Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship is presently a one-time scholarship but the WFA board of directors hopes that future donations will enable us to offer the scholarship annually.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND ADMINISTRATION

The WFA's Scholarship Committee administers the Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship and selects recipients, who are subject to approval by a majority of the WFA board of directors. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right not to award a scholarship or to award more than one scholarship during a calendar year, depending on the Committee's opinion of the applicants' qualifications and the availability of funds. All Committee decisions are final.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicants for the Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a student member of the Wild Felid Research and Management Association. (You may submit a membership form with payment to WFA when submitting your scholarship application if you are not currently a member)
2. By July 1, 2010, you must have completed a Bachelor of Science (or Arts) Degree and be enrolled in a graduate program in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management, or a related natural resource field.
3. Recipients of the Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship agree to provide an update of their research in the *Wild Felid Monitor*.

APPLICATION

The application includes 5 parts:

1. Current résumé.
2. Transcript indicating completion of a Bachelor's Degree.
3. Transcript of your graduate studies or a copy of your acceptance letter into a graduate program in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management, or a related natural resource field.
4. Two letters of reference (with phone numbers and email addresses).
One reference shall be from a professor familiar with your academic capabilities and accomplishments. The second reference shall be from a supervisor whom you worked for in a natural resources related position (volunteer or internship work is acceptable).
5. A 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.

We encourage applicants to send parts 1 and 5 (résumé and essay) of their applications electronically. Emailed copies of scanned transcripts are also acceptable for consideration, though the Scholarship Committee may ask for certified transcripts prior to final selection. References can also send their letters electronically.

Application materials must be received by the Scholarship Chairperson by MAY 1, 2010.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Address correspondence to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson:

Ron Thompson (ronwthompson@frontiernet.net).

Submit electronic application to:

Wild.felid.association@gmail.com

Put "Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship Application" in the subject line

Submit paper application to:

Wild Felid Research and Management Association

Attn: Ron Thompson, Scholarship Chair

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