



Sacramento-Shasta Chapter Scholarship & Grant Application

(Please refer to Application Directions prior to filling out this form.)

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Birthdate: _____

Application Type:

- Undergraduate (Freshman-Senior at a Community College or 4-year College)
- Graduate (Accepted or Currently Enrolled in a Graduate Program)
- Conference/Workshop Grant

Applicant's High School History (only applicable for Undergraduate Freshmen and Sophomores):

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

Approximate GPA: _____

Reference (Name, Position, Telephone #): _____

Applicant's Undergraduate College History:

College(s): _____

Current Year in College (e.g., Sophomore or Junior): _____

College(s) Address: _____

Approximate GPA: _____

Applicant's Graduate College History (if applicable):

College(s): _____

College(s) Address: _____

Research (Thesis) Topic: _____

Major Advisor's Name/Address/Telephone #:

Note: Applicant will fill out only one of the following sections.

1) Conference/Workshop Grant Application (if applicable):

Conference/Workshop Title: _____

Conference/Workshop Location/Date: _____

Total Budget/Grant Request Amount (see directions): _____

Reference: (Name, Position, Telephone #):

Attach a narrative (not to exceed one page typed) discussing the reasons why you wish to attend the conference/workshop and why TWS should consider you for a grant.

2) Academic Scholarship Application (if applicable):

Total Scholarship Request (\$500-1,000) _____

References: (Name, Position, Telephone #):

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

Attach a narrative (not to exceed two pages typed) discussing the reasons why you deserve a TWS scholarship and how TWS might consider the scholarship a good investment.

- This document should have information regarding the applicant's financial need, academic performance, and extracurricular biological experience.
- All other supportive information must be included in this narrative.

E-mail entire application and attachments to sac.shasta@gmail.com with a reference to TWS grant/scholarship application.

Directions for The Wildlife Society (TWS), Sacramento-Shasta Chapter Scholarship and Grant Application

Background:

Our current Chapter Board believes that some of the best services it can provide to its members are training opportunities. Consequently, the Board has been very active in providing workshops and conferences pertaining to wildlife issues. In 2004, the Board agreed that a scholarship/grant program would be of benefit to the wildlife biology profession. This document gives information important for any person applying for a Sacramento-Shasta Chapter Scholarship or Grant.

Geographical Limits:

Scholarships and Grants are offered only to students attending a college or performing a research project within the geographical limits overseen by the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter. This includes any state-accredited two- or four-year college in the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba.

Student Status:

Scholarships and Grants are offered only to full-time students, with either undergraduate or graduate class status. For Scholarships, there are separate categories for undergraduates (including community college students) and graduate students. The TWS Scholarship Committee has the discretion to grant various numbers of scholarships each year, depending on the Chapter's budget for that year. It is the intent of the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of TWS to award at least one undergraduate and one graduate scholarship per year. This decision may be modified, from year to year, based on the number of applicants and their degree of conformance to the TWS Goals (see below):

Scholarship/Grant Goals:

The Chapter's goals are to assist deserving students with their study, research, or training efforts. Our wish is to invest in worthy students in a manner that will build strong, future TWS members and a professional community. The Chapter is also interested in helping students with legitimate financial needs. To assist with filling out the application, applicants are referred to the follow definitions and application requirements:

1) "*Deserving students*"—Deserving students are those that have shown through their academic performance, research, and related activities that they are fully-engaged in preparing for a career in wildlife biology. Deserving students are also those that have a track record of taking care of their own economic situations, as much as possible.

Each applicant is required to provide evidence to support the "deserving student" concept. Besides each application's grammar and appearance, documents showing academic achievement (transcripts) and any extracurricular biological involvements will be strongly considered by the TWS Scholarship Committee.

2) "*Investment*" concept—The Chapter wishes to convey the notion that by providing a scholarship or grant to a student, there are certain expectations. First, the grantee is responsible, in the future, to participate in professional programs. Specifically, it is hoped that each grantee will belong to TWS and use their knowledge, experience, and professional networks to help students and young professions.

Supporting Information:

- 1) References - Each applicant is required to provide a list of three references.
- 2) College transcripts - Copies of transcripts are required to be submitted with the application.
- 3) Extracurricular activities – If applicable, evidence of extracurricular biological involvement should be included.
- 4) Statement of financial need —The Chapter wishes to assist students with legitimate financial needs. To this end, each applicant is asked to provide a written narrative of the steps they have taken to fund their college education and how the TWS scholarship would factor into their educational budget for the time period covered by the award.

Scholarship/Grant Timelines:

Conference/Workshop Grants—These grants may be awarded at any time of the year. Applications must be sent to the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter Scholarship Committee at least two (2) months prior to the conference for which the applicant wishes to attend. The grantee may be asked to provide a short summary of the conference (either written or at a Board lunch meeting) and how they personally benefited from attendance.

Academic Scholarships—scholarship applications, for either undergraduate or graduate programs, will have a deadline of December 1 (for February-July of following year) and June 1 (for August-December of same year). Scholarship grants will be awarded by January 31 and July 31, respectively. The grantee may be asked to attend one Board meeting and describe their studies or research (travel and luncheon costs would be reimbursed). In cases where the student achievements and deservedness are outstanding, at the discretion of the TWS Scholarship Committee, scholarships may be extended for multiple years.

Application Submittal Process—Applicants will send a digital copy of their application to: sac.shasta@gmail.com and with a reference to TWS scholarship/grant application

Applicant Review Process—The Board will constitute the “committee” to review applications. If a large number of applications are received, the Board may opt to select a committee to review and make grant recommendations to the full Board.

References will be called to determine if the applicant meets the TWS “deserving student” and “investment” criteria. In addition, each applicant is strongly advised to give enough written justification for the Board to determine that they deserve financial support.

Award Granting Process—Grantees will be contacted immediately upon Board determination. (See Scholarship/Grant Timelines). A check will be mailed to the successful applicant immediately after contact.

At the time of the award, an offer will be made to the grantee to attend a Board luncheon.

Scholarship/Grant Award Amounts—Scholarship and grants outlay will likely vary from year to year, depending upon the Chapter’s budget; however, the following assumptions are currently being followed:

Conference/Workshop Grants--\$25-200 per applicant, depending upon budget and explanation of need. (Up to 8 grants may be issued any one calendar year.)

Scholarship Grants--\$500-1,000 per applicant, depending upon budget and explanation of need. (The Chapter wishes to award two scholarships each calendar year but has the discretion to vary this number.)

A student may only be awarded a total of **one** grant or scholarship per school year; however the Chapter reserves the right to award more than one grant or scholarship to an individual person in special circumstances.

Remember: Scholarship Application Deadlines And Address:

- *Conference/Workshop Grants*—At least two (2) months prior to the event.
- *Scholarships*—December 1 and June 1 of each year (awards by January 31 and July 31).

E-mail Applications to: sac.shasta@gmail.com with a reference to scholarship or conference grant application.