



Announcing the ~ 2026 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. To date, 44 scholarships totaling over \$54,000 have been awarded. 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. This year we may award 1-2 scholarships of \$1,000-\$2,000 each during summer 2026, and recipients will be recognized in the WFA's newsletter, *The Wild Felid Monitor*. Numbers and amounts may increase depending on donations received. 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*.

FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY, GO TO: <http://www.wildfelid.org/legacy.php>

Note that your application requires a current CV, a copy of your acceptance into a graduate program, two letters of reference, and a short essay.

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

All application materials must be received by **May 15, 2026**

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications should be addressed to: Winston Vickers, Scholarship Chair

And emailed to: twinstonvickers@gmail.com

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

