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## The 2023 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, 37 scholarships totaling over \$43,000 have been awarded. The scholarship honors distinguished and 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, and Donna Krucki. More on these inspiring biologists 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 will be awarded during summer 2023 and recipients will be 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.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND ADMINISTRATION:** The WFA's Scholarship Committee (SC) administers the Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship and selects recipients, who are subject to approval by a majority of the WFA Board of Directors. The SC reserves the right not to award a scholarship or to award more than one scholarship during a calendar year, depending on the SC's opinion of the applicants' qualifications and the availability of funds. All SC decisions are final.

**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, 2023, 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*.

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

Note that your application requires a current résumé, proof of completion of a Bachelor's Degree, a copy of your acceptance into a graduate program, two letters of reference, and a short essay. To see how applications are scored, go to the page listed above and click on "Evaluation form used to score applicants."

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

All application materials must be received by **MARCH 30, 2023**.  
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.

