NWRA Scholarship Program

NWRA is deeply grateful to our many scholarship donors for their trust in NWRA and their financial support of NWRA members and wildlife rehabilitators. Since 1993, NWRA has given 219 scholarships totaling $130,000 for:

- Attending each annual Symposium
- Purchasing publications
- Improving housing for wildlife in rehabilitation
NWRA Scholarship Program

2021 Scholarship Selection

• Members are notified annually through a Member Email
• Detailed information is located under Programs on the NWRA website
• Applicants fill out forms, supply required information and reference letters, and submit by the posted deadline
• Applications received during September and October of 2020 were reviewed and evaluated by the Scholarship Subcommittee
• Selected recipients were notified by January 1, 2021
• Letters to recipients list the details of how they receive their award
NWRA Scholarship Program

2021 NWRA Scholarships

• $10,600 total
• To 14 people
• For symposium, books, and wildlife housing

Thank you to our generous donors who believe in us and provide funding
Eric Sticht Memorial Scholarship

The Eric Sticht Memorial Scholarship is given to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators. One scholarship is awarded to help defray expenses of attending the NWRA Symposium. This scholarship is given through NWRA by Dave Weeshoff in memory of Eric Sticht, a friend of aquatic birds and enthusiastic volunteer at International Bird Rescue, San Pedro, CA.
Eric Sticht Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Crossed
Bowie, MD
Don Ferguson Memorial Scholarship

The Don Ferguson Memorial Scholarship is given to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators. One scholarship is awarded to help defray expenses of attending the NWRA Symposium. This scholarship is given through NWRA by Dave Weeshoff in memory of Don Ferguson, a friend of brown pelicans and all aquatic birds, and enthusiastic volunteer at International Bird Rescue, San Pedro, CA.
Don Ferguson Memorial Scholarship

Kiersten Shyian
Courtenay, BC, Canada
Dr. Linda Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship

The Dr. Linda Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship is given to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators. One scholarship is awarded to help defray expenses of attending the NWRA Symposium. This scholarship is given through NWRA by Linda Wolf, DVM, in memory of her father, James J. Wolf. Preference is given to rehabilitators who have little exposure to national and state conferences.

This scholarship has been offered every year since 1993!
Dr. Linda Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship

Kaitlyn Mills
Bloomington, IN
Alma Natura Trust
North American Scholarship

The Alma Natura Trust (North American Region) Scholarship is given to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators. One scholarship is awarded to help defray expenses of attending the NWRA Symposium. This scholarship is given through NWRA by two NWRA members who wish to support rehabilitator education and training and to nurture interactions with Nature. Applicants must reside in Canada, United States, or Mexico.
Alma Natura Trust
North American Scholarship

Alyssa Lakota
Waynesboro, VA
Debra L. Chandler Memorial Scholarships

The Debra L. Chandler Memorial Scholarships are given to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators. Two scholarships are awarded to help defray expenses of attending the NWRA Symposium. These scholarships are given through NWRA by Barry D. Chandler, MD, and the Chandler family in loving memory of Debbie Chandler, a long-time NWRA member and dedicated wildlife rehabilitator who touched many lives, both animal and human.
Debra L. Chandler Memorial Scholarship

Brittany Cooke
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Valerie Slocum
Duluth, MN
Ed Hiestand Memorial Veterinary Student Scholarship (Paper Competition)

This scholarship provides an opportunity for students, interns, and residents to present at a respected national symposium, publish in a peer-reviewed journal, and spend time with wildlife rehabilitation veterinarians and professionals. Submissions are reviewed by members of the NWRA Veterinary Committee. This scholarship has been offered every year since 1995!
Ed Hiestand Memorial Veterinary Student Scholarship (Paper Competition)

Elliot Grossman
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, MA

Paper: Comparison of Side Effects of Two Anti-Chlamydial Antibiotics in the Koala
Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitator Continuing Education Scholarship

The Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitator Continuing Education Scholarship assists a licensed Michigan wildlife rehabilitator to attend the symposium for continuing education credit required by the MI DNR for permit renewal. It is funded by the Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitators Association.
Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitator
Continuing Education Scholarship

Erica Zuhlke
Attica, Michigan
Donald L. Burton
Veterinary Student Scholarship

The Donald L. Burton Veterinary Student Scholarship is given to enhance the education of a veterinary student interested in working with wildlife. Funding helps defray expenses of attending the NWRA Symposium. It is funded by friends of Dr. Burton.
Donald L. Burton
Veterinary Student Scholarship

Michaele Lemons
Pullman, WA
NWRA Educational Materials Scholarships

Educational Materials Scholarships are credits redeemable through NWRA to help wildlife rehabilitators purchase the vital educational and reference publications needed to be informed and effective. These scholarships are funded by the Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center.
Educational Materials Scholarships

Laura Daggerhart
Columbus, GA

Robbi Hoy
St. Cloud, MN
NWRA Wildlife Housing Scholarship

The NWRA Wildlife Housing Scholarships benefit members and licensed home-based rehabilitators through a cash award for building, repairing, or renovating housing used exclusively for rehabilitating wildlife. These scholarships are funded by two generous NWRA members who wish to remain anonymous and the Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center.
NWRA Wildlife Housing Scholarships

Elisabeth Hartman
Zanesville, OH
bat flight enclosure

Louise Sagaert
Eaton Rapids, MI
solar lighting system for remote building
Rachel Gordon Fischoff Educational Scholarship

The Rachel Gordon Fischoff Educational Scholarship is credit with NWRA to redeem for any combination of NWRA educational publications, symposium fees, and/or membership dues. It is funded by Rachel Gordon Fischoff, a life member of NWRA.
Rachel Gordon Fischoff
Educational Scholarship

Heather Wayne
Grove City, PA
Congratulations to 2021 Scholarship Recipients
NWRA Scholarships Available Annually

NWRA Scholarship Applications are accepted generally from August 1 to November 1 of each year. Details can be found at www.NWRAwildlife.org

If you are interested in establishing a new scholarship through NWRA to support wildlife rehabilitators, educators, and veterinarians, contact us at scholarships@nwrawildlife.org
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