ANNOUNCING—NWRA Scholarships Awarded in 2023

17 individual scholarships ranging from $300 to $2,079, totaling $14,092

Congratulations to:

Romy Klusener (South Africa)—Alma Natura Trust International Scholarship, funded by two NWRA members to support rehabilitator education and training. Awarded to enhance the education of a wildlife rehabilitator from abroad through attending the NWRA Symposium.

Megan Burns (NJ)—Dr. Linda Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship, funded by member Linda Wolf, DVM, in memory of her father James J. Wolf, who inspired a great love and respect for animals and a belief in the tremendous importance of education. Awarded to enhance the education of a wildlife rehabilitator through attending the NWRA Symposium.

Anastasia Kudrez (TN) and Nanette Soistman (FL)—NWRA Wildlife Housing Scholarships, funded by two NWRA members who wish to see wildlife rehabilitation housing meet the Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, 2021, and by the Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center. Awarded for a striped skunk prerelease enclosure and raptor housing expansion.

Angie Pyle (OH)—Blue Aster Scholarship, funded by David and Jennie Orr, Blue Aster Studio, for an individual wildlife rehabilitator who is a first-time NWRA Symposium attendee. Awarded as credit to help pay for attending the NWRA Symposium.

Samantha Wolfe (MI)—Rachel Gordon Fischhoff Educational Scholarship, funded by Rachel Gordon Fischhoff a Life Member of NWRA who wishes to support other members. Awarded as credit redeemable through NWRA to pay for educational publications, symposium fees, and/or membership dues.

Lauren Barkley (FL) and Stephanie Peters (VA)—Debra L. Chandler Memorial Scholarships, funded by Barry D. Chandler, MD, and the Chandler family in loving memory of Debbie Chandler, a long-time member and dedicated wildlife rehabilitator who touched many lives, both animal and human. Awarded to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators through attending the NWRA Symposium.

Rebecca Garner (TN)—Eric Sticht Memorial Scholarship, funded by member Dave Weeshoff in memory of Eric Sticht, a friend of aquatic birds and enthusiastic volunteer at International Bird Rescue, San Pedro, CA. Awarded to enhance the education of a wildlife rehabilitator through attending the NWRA Symposium.

A.K. Newlacil and Catharine Reeves—Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitator Scholarships, funded by the Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center to assist wildlife rehabilitators in Maryland to attend the NWRA Symposium for education and training.
Lynn Oliver (VA)—Don Ferguson Memorial Scholarship, funded by member 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. Awarded to enhance the education of a wildlife rehabilitator through attending the NWRA Symposium.

Emily Warman (AR)—Alma Natura Trust Scholarship (North America), funded by two NWRA members to support rehabilitator education and training and to nurture interactions with Nature. Given to enhance the education of a wildlife rehabilitator through attending the NWRA Symposium.

Denise Hays (IN)—William Jessen Memorial Scholarship, given through NWRA by member Elaine Friedman in memory of her brother William Jessen and in honor of all creatures that capture your heart, expertise, and time but never make it to release. Awarded to symposium speakers who share valuable information, skills, and expertise, enabling rehabilitators to help more animals.

Albert Ustaszewski (AZ), Carol Burgess (TN), and Brittany Cooke (Ontario)—Educational Materials Scholarships, awarded as credit redeemable through NWRA to help purchase the vital educational and reference publications needed to be informed and effective. Funded by the Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center.

NWRA Scholarship Applications are accepted August 1 to November 1 of each year. Details can be found at www.NWRAwildlife.org, select Funding & Awards, Scholarships.

Since 1993, NWRA has awarded 270 scholarships totaling approximately $157,000 for:
- Attending each annual Symposium,
- Purchasing publications, and
- Improving housing for wildlife in rehabilitation

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