Announcing the

Kittitas Audubon Society Scholarships

***The mission of the Kittitas Audubon Society is to develop an appreciation of nature through education and conservation with a focus on birds.***

Two $2500 scholarships to support undergraduate or graduate students for tuition/research expenses.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1st

Email your completed application to the Dept. of Biological Sciences (biology@cwu.edu).

AWARD DATE: Summer or Fall Quarter for tuition awards

 Research funding as described in grant proposal.

RECIPIENT REQUIREMENT: Within one year of receiving the award the recipient will present the results of the Kittitas Audubon Society-funded research at CWU’s SOURCE Symposium and to the Kittitas Audubon Society Board or its general membership.

ELIGIBILITY: All applicants will meet the following criteria:

Undergraduates

1. Have declared as an undergraduate Bachelor of Science major in Biological Sciences or Environmental Studies with a focus on birds, the environment, and/or conservation
2. Have junior or senior status by Fall Quarter in the year in which the scholarship is awarded
3. Have been a full-time matriculated student at CWU for at least one academic year before receiving the scholarship
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Graduates

1. Have been accepted into the graduate programs of Biological Sciences or Cultural and Environmental Resource Management with a focus on birds, the environment, and/or conservation.
2. Have been enrolled as a full-time graduate student at CWU for at least two quarters before receiving the scholarship

Applicants must submit the following:

1. application form
2. application essays
3. ONE letter of recommendation from current CWU faculty research mentor. The letter writer should email the letter directly to the Dept. of Biological Sciences (biology@cwu.edu).

KITTITAS AUDUBON SOCIETY

TUITION & RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FORM DEADLINE: March 1st

Name:

Student ID Number:

CWU Email Address:

Do you meet the minimum requirements of this scholarship?

Initial Enrollment Year and quarter at CWU \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Class Standing: \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate

Declared major or Graduate Program:

Overall CWU GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Are there any extenuating circumstances we should know? If so, please explain:

Undergraduate Applicants: List all *relevant*, upper-division (300 and 400-level) science course titles with numbers that you have taken or plan to take for your degree (e.g., conservation, natural resources, etc).

Graduate Applicants: List all *relevant* undergraduate courses (conservation, natural resource, etc.) you have taken, and *relevant* graduate courses you have taken or will take for your M.S. degree.

APPLICATION ESSAYS: Answer each question in no more than 250 words per question.

Undergraduate Applicants:

1. Describe what influenced your decision to pursue study in natural resources.
2. Answer the questions under A or B (not both) as appropriate
	1. If applying for research funding:
		* What is the purpose of your planned research topic?
		* Briefly outline the steps necessary to achieve your research goals
		* Make a table of all research expenses to be funded by this award
			+ note, if the research expenses do not total to $2500, include a tuition/fees request to make up the difference.
		* You may include a list of cited references at the end of the essays
	2. If applying for tuition funding:
		* How will this scholarship benefit you and help you reach your career goals?
3. What future role do you hope to play in the conservation of natural resources and protection of habitat/plants and wildlife?
4. How do your educational/research goals support the mission of Kittitas Audubon Society?

Graduate Applicants:

1. What is the purpose of your planned thesis/research topic? Briefly outline the steps necessary to achieve your thesis/research goals.
2. Make a table of all expenses (research and/or tuition/fees) to be funded by this award (should total $2500 – contact biology@cwu.edu before submitting your application if you have a strong justification for requesting less than $2500). Also estimate your total project expenses and sources of other funding that would ensure the success of your research. (This may take an additional page.) Provide justification for your expenses, including how this award would support your thesis research (for research expenses) and/or completion of your Master's degree (for tuition/fees).
3. Describe the professional role you hope to play in protecting the environment and/or the conservation of natural resources.
4. How do your research goals support the mission of the Kittitas AudubonSociety?