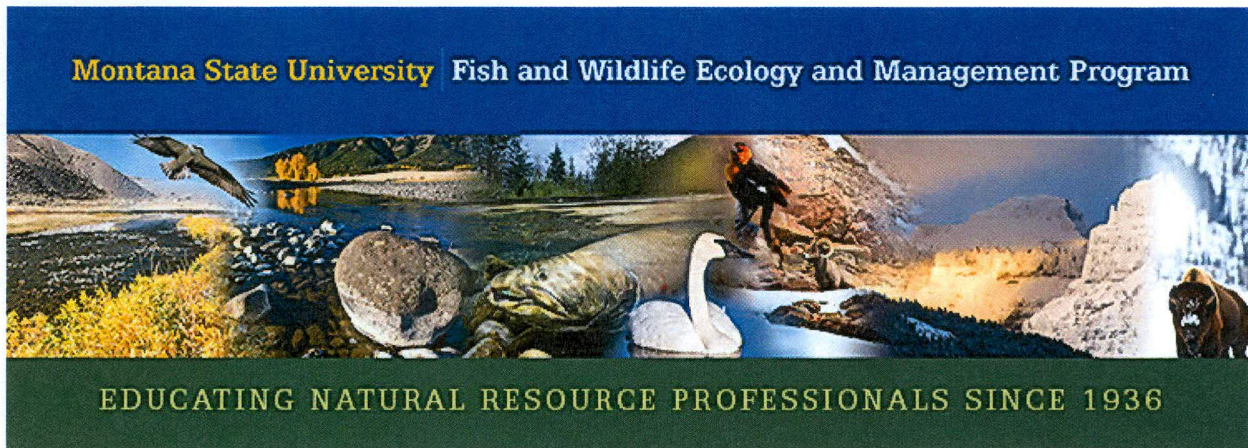


2014 AWARDS FOR ECOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS



The Fish and Wildlife Ecology and Management Program and the Ecology Department are pleased to announce the availability 6 scholarships awards totaling **\$11,000** this year to recognize outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. All awards consist of a wall plaque and a monetary award that can be used to offset tuition and fees. We encourage everyone qualified to apply for the recognition that these awards confer.

Application Instructions: Please review the criteria for each award and provide a separate application for each award. Each application should be prepared as a single MS Word file or pdf that includes the name of the award, your name and banner ID number, resume including current GPA, and a 1-page essay on why you are deserving of the specific award and how you would use it to further your education. Please name your application file with a standard convention of award name, followed by a dash, followed by your last name (For example: Clow-Smith.doc, Belsey-Smith.doc, Lorang-Smith.doc). The Don C. Quimby Award has a unique application process and students interested in being considered for this award must request an application packet (see below). Applicants are also encouraged to have a member of the MSU academic community directly submit a supporting letter. If a supporting letter is submitted please advise the letter author to use the same file naming convention as your application file with the addition of 'Let' at end of file name (For example: Clow-SmithLet.pdf).

Send applications and supporting letters to Bob Garrott at rgarrott@montana.edu no later than 5 pm September 22. Awards will be announced at the annual Ecology Dept BBQ/potluck that is scheduled for the evening of October 23 at the Lindley Center. The intent of the faculty is to recognize as many of our outstanding students as possible so we request that in your application you list all awards you have previously received as this will be taken into consideration when selecting recipients.

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Kenneth D. Lorang Memorial Award – Ken Lorang graduated with a MS degree in wildlife from MSU and was killed shortly thereafter in 1979 while conducting a waterfowl survey along the Marias River. The award was established in his honor. The recipient may be either a graduating senior accepted into the Fish and Wildlife Ecology and Management graduate degree program or a current graduate student seeking an advanced degree in Fish and Wildlife Management. The 2014 award is \$500 applied toward tuition and fees.

Matthew F. Clow Memorial Award - Matthew Clow was a graduate student who died in 1998 while conducting research on whirling disease and wild trout. The award was established by his parents in his honor to recognize graduate students who share Matt's love and commitment to wild trout and native fishes. The recipient must be a graduate student enrolled in a M.S. or Ph.D. degree program engaged in, or about to be engaged in whirling disease, wild trout, or native fish research. There will be two awards in 2014 each for \$2000 applied toward tuition and fees.

Jim Belsey Graduate Student Scholarship - Jim Belsey was an avid trout angler and conservationist. Jim established this award to support graduate students pursuing a degree in the Fish and Wildlife Ecology and Management Program with research emphasizing coldwater fisheries. Many of Jim's friends have also contributed to this scholarship endowment. The recipient must show evidence of a commitment to trout conservation. There will be two awards in 2014 each for \$2500 applied toward tuition and fees.

The Don C. Quimby Graduate Wildlife Research Scholarship - This scholarship was established to honor Dr. Don C. Quimby, a biology teacher, student advisor and founder of the Wildlife Program within Montana State University's Biology Department in 1948. Dr. Quimby served as the head of that program until his retirement in Spring 1975. In 1955 Wynn G. Freeman (Game Management Division Chief, Montana Fish and Game Department) and Dr. Quimby combined efforts to establish the Master of Science degree in Fish and Wildlife Management as the entry level educational requirement for employment of game/wildlife biologists by that state agency. Eligibility criteria include: 1) enrolled in MSU's graduate school, seeking either a M.S. or Ph.D. in the Ecology Department, or a M.S. or Ph.D. with a Wildlife-Range Management project in the Animal and Range Sciences Department, 2) field research project focused on a free-ranging wildlife species within the state of Montana, 3) an ability to conduct independent research, 4) scholastic seriousness and intellectual honesty, 5) enthusiasm and willingness to work with fellow professionals and the public, 6) commitment to a career in wildlife management. The 2014 award is \$1500 applied toward tuition and fees and/or research expenses. If interested in being considered for this award please email Bob Garrott (rgarrott@montana.edu) for full application materials and instructions.