Research Grants for Native American Students at Northern Arizona University

Northern Arizona Audubon Society (NAAS) provides small research grants to Native American students at Northern Arizona University to encourage and support field research that will enhance knowledge and conservation of Arizona avifauna, especially on Native American reservations. Pertinent disciplines include biology, environmental studies, forestry, cultural studies, and related areas. “Avifauna” is understood broadly as projects may involve birds in different ways.

Grants are awarded based on project merit, level of preparation, and financial need. Grant recipients are invited to make an oral presentation of their findings at a monthly meeting of the NAAS in Flagstaff and Sedona. For students with projects based on scientific data collection, grant recipients are strongly encouraged to prepare a manuscript reporting their results and to submit this manuscript for publication, preferentially to the Arizona Birds, the online journal of the Arizona Field Ornithologists.

TO APPLY: Solicitants must present:

(1) a maximum two-page (single-spaced; excluding references) description of the project.
(2) a statement of how the project will enhance knowledge of avian life in Arizona.
(3) the amount of grant money requested.
(4) information on how the money will be spent.
(5) indication of whether other sources of funding are available for the proposed work.
(6) confirmation that the research project has been approved by the pertinent faculty.
(7) a letter of recommendation describing the applicant’s qualifications and commitment to Arizona ornithology, conservation, and Native American culture.

Applications can be for any amount up to $1,000. Grant recipients are required to provide the Board of NAAS a report on their research upon completion of the project.

Application submission date: 15 September – 15 October. Funding decisions will be made within two months of receiving the application.

The decision to award a grant is made by an independent committee named by the Board of Directors of the Northern Arizona Audubon Society. Monitoring the research is the sole responsibility of the student’s academic program; NAAS only provides the funding.

Email applications and requests for additional information to: Northern Arizona Audubon

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