**James D. Chambers Memorial Scholarship application**

Award History

The James D. Chambers Memorial Scholarship was established in 1994 following the untimely passing of James (Jim) D. Chambers due to a malignant brain tumor. Jim was the son of avid conservationists Glenn and Jeannie Chambers, of Columbia, Missouri. Glenn is a nationally known wildlife photographer and wildlife cinematographer.

Jim's parents set up two memorial funds in memory of their son; one at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music where Jim earned his PhD, and the other with the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Jim was a brilliant student and exceptionally fine musician, having performed as a Concert Pianist at Carnegie Hall, and solo tenor singer in the London Opera House. Jim's love for the outdoors and nature paralleled his enthusiasm for music. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with his family. He also earned the Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America with gold and silver palms.

Jim was also an exceptionally fine ornithologist. At the early age of ten, he traveled to Hudson Bay with his father Glenn, and renowned conservationists Charles and Elizabeth Schwartz, while they were filming a motion picture about the life history of Canada geese. They spent most of the summer there and Jim was their bird nest "locator" where he spent his days finding new species of birds for Charlie and Glenn to film for the movie.

This memorial scholarship awards a **$500.00 stipend** and very nice plaque to a student who is enrolled in a wildlife curriculum at any of Missouri's accredited Colleges or Universities.

How to apply

Scholarship is awarded annually to a **graduate** or **senior undergraduate** **student** majoring in wildlife ecology or natural resources conservation at a Missouri college or university. The scholarship is designed to recognize excellence in academics, leadership, and conservation education.

Applications must include:

* A short essay describing the graduate student's research or special project involvement and how their work will or has benefited natural resource conservation, or the senior undergraduate student's professional goals and reasons behind these goals.
* A current resume.
* Two letters of recommendation from natural resource professionals.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Questions and applications should be sent in electronic format either Microsoft word.doc or Adobe .pdf by the **November 30th deadline** to:

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