



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

## TENNESSEE CHAPTER Undergraduate Student Scholarship Program

In 2014, the Tennessee Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TN-TWS) established an annual Undergraduate Student Scholarship Program. Up to two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2025 to outstanding undergraduate students working towards a degree in Wildlife Biology or related discipline (e.g., Conservation Biology and Zoology) at a Tennessee college and whose professional goals align with the mission and objectives of The Wildlife Society (TWS). When selecting a recipient, the Scholarship Selection Committee will focus on students demonstrating excellence in academics and leadership, and with broad experience in the wildlife profession.

To be eligible to apply for the Undergraduate Student Scholarship Program you must:

- ◆ be
  - enrolled at any TN college or university with a student chapter of TWS,
  - a member of a student chapter that has contributed \$1000 toward the scholarship program (i.e., University of Tennessee Knoxville, University of Tennessee Martin, Lincoln Memorial University, or Tennessee Technological University),
  - a degree-seeking undergraduate student who has completed at least 30 semester hours and with at least one semester of school remaining prior to graduation, and
  - a current member of TWS at the Student Chapter and State Chapter levels.
- ◆ plan to be enrolled in a Baccalaureate degree program in the fall of 2025, and have a cumulative collegiate GPA of at least 2.8.

To apply, submit an application packet that includes:

- ◆ letter from your advisor supporting your application and confirming you (1) are enrolled in a TN college with an eligible student chapter of TWS, (2) are a degree seeking student with no Baccalaureate degree yet earned, (3) have completed at least 30 semester hours, (4) have at least one semester of school remaining, (5) plan to enroll during the fall semester of 2025, and (6) have a  $\geq 2.8$  GPA,
- ◆ receipts or other proof of current membership in a student chapter,
- ◆ resume, and
- ◆ an essay, not to exceed 1200 words, detailing the reasons you are interested in pursuing a career in the wildlife profession and your career goals.

Email your application packet to Lindsey Phillips at [lphill46@vols.utk.edu](mailto:lphill46@vols.utk.edu) by **5:00 PM (EST) on Friday, February 14, 2025**. Application materials submitted after this date and time will not be considered. The scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the Spring meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of the Wildlife Society, which will be held March 5-7, 2025 at Camp Margaritaville RV Resort & Lodge Pigeon Forge.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be comprised of members of the TN-TWS Executive Board, and the Selection Committee has the discretion to not award a scholarship if applications are insufficient. Proof of membership in TN-TWS will be verified and selection criteria will include:

- ◆ participation in activities, internships, and work experience related to the field of wildlife and natural resource management or conservation,
- ◆ honors, awards, and acknowledgments related to the field of wildlife biology, involvement in a Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society , and
- ◆ overall quality of the application, particularly the essay.