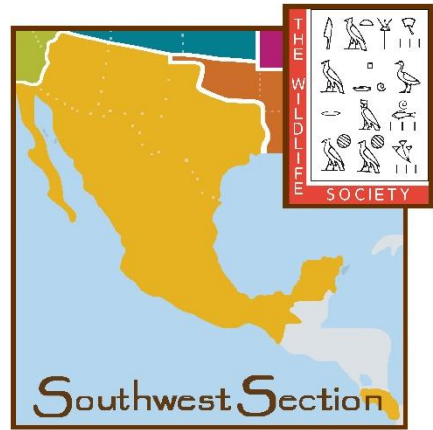


## **SWS TWS Southwestern Wildlife Graduate Student Scholarship Call for Applications:**

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society is soliciting applications for the \$1,000 Southwestern Wildlife Student Scholarship. This scholarship will be presented at either the Joint Annual Meeting of the New Mexico and Arizona Chapters of The Wildlife Society or the Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Please submit nominations electronically by **November 30th** to [rluna@sulross.edu](mailto:rluna@sulross.edu).



### **Southwestern Wildlife Student Scholarship**

#### **Description:**

The Southwestern Wildlife Student Scholarship is an award in the amount of \$1,000 is given annually to a graduate student who is currently enrolled in a natural resource-oriented program at a college or university in Arizona, New Mexico, or Texas and is studying wildlife. Wildlife includes all fauna and habitat components, excluding fisheries-related studies. Applicants should have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5.

#### **Application Format (cover letter and resume):**

The application package should be addressed to the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society Board and consists of a **cover letter** and current **resume**. The cover letter should be no longer than one page, and the resume no longer than two pages. Please use standard one-inch margins and size 12 font. The application package should contain the following information:

In their **cover letter**, applicants should briefly describe their graduate research project, state their academic and professional goals, and include details on past and anticipated future contributions to the conservation of biodiversity in the Southwestern United States, including Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and elsewhere. Applicants should also provide information on relevant leadership experience, either through academic or professional experiences or extracurricular activities. Applicants must state whether they previously received the Southwestern Wildlife Student Scholarship. Applicants must also send their current **resume**.

#### **Scholarship Criteria:**

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society Board reviews applications and determines awardees through a ranked review process based on the following criteria:

- All applicants must be members of the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society. Membership forms are available here: <https://wildlife.org/sw-section/membership/>
- Current cumulative grade point average and related educational experience and/or achievements receive the highest consideration during the review process.
- Contribution(s) to the field, especially current and anticipated future contributions to the conservation of biodiversity in states within the Southwest Section, receive secondary consideration.
- Demonstrated leadership through professional and/or academic experiences is also given consideration during the review process.

#### **Application Submittals:**

Applications for the SWS of TWS Southwestern Wildlife Student Scholarship must be submitted electronically to: Ryan Luna, President of the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society at [rluna@sulross.edu](mailto:rluna@sulross.edu)

Please write "Southwestern Wildlife Student Scholarship" in the subject line and include the submittal package as one email attachment (pdf is preferred) using the following naming format: Applicant Name\_SWSTWS\_SWScholarship\_Year  
Example: Ryan\_Luna\_SWSTWS\_SWScholarship\_2025