



Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society

Bighorn Conservation and Management Scholarship

The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society was formed in 1975 by a group of Colorado citizens concerned about the future of Colorado's state animal, the bighorn sheep. Members of this initial group included sportsmen, artists, ecologists, photographers, and naturalists whose common purpose was to support the sound management of the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep. The mission of the Society has not faltered since 1975...we still strive to put sheep on the mountain for everyone to enjoy. Over the years, the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society has expanded its support of bighorn sheep to nearly every western state that manages populations of Rocky Mountain and/or Desert sheep.

In order to help perpetuate our mission, The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society's Bighorn Conservation and Management Scholarship was created to encourage and assist the educational development of our future wildlife biologists and managers.

The Bighorn Conservation and Management Scholarship carries a \$1,000.00 scholarship and a one-year membership to the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society. Scholarships will be awarded to the student who best meets the qualification standards and demonstrates a strong leadership potential, an understanding of conservation and management issues concerning bighorn sheep, and a commitment to future wildlife conservation and management.

Qualifications

Each applicant must:

1. Be enrolled in a wildlife, biological sciences, or natural resources program in a four-year college/university in a state managing a Bighorn sheep population(s);
2. Have a junior or senior standing (completed at least 56 semester hours or 108 quarter hours);
3. Have at least one semester (or two quarters) remaining in their undergraduate degree program;
4. Be scheduled to be enrolled as a full-time student during the subsequent fall semester/quarter
5. Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

Application Process and Deadline

Applications must be **received** no later than 1 March 2008, and be sent via U. S. mail or fax to:

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 8320
Denver, CO 80201-8320
Fax: 970-532-1306

Applicants are urged to ensure the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society receives their applications by the deadline.

Initial review of applications will be made to ensure that all documents are included, were received on time, and adhere to the standards set forth by the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society for the Scholarship application. The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society Scholarship Committee will review applications meeting these requirements. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final. The Scholarship recipient will be notified in mid-April, with the presentation of the Scholarship to be held at the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society's annual banquet and auction in late April. Previous recipients of the Bighorn Conservation and Management Scholarship are ineligible.

Application

Applications must be typed in 12-point font, single spaced (no handwritten applications will be accepted), and strictly adhere to both the order of questions and response restrictions as outlined in this application. Each applicant must include a cover page (not to exceed one page in length), an official copy of their transcript(s), two letters of recommendation from faculty members within their respective departments, and a letter of certification from their college/university Department Head or Chairperson on official letterhead.

As a separate document, please provide the following information and address the following topics. Please complete each section on its own page with a header that includes your name, date, and page number.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date:

Name (*Last, First, Middle Initial*):

Mailing Address (*where you would like correspondence sent*):

Telephone:

E-mail:

College/University Currently Attending:

Dates of Attendance:

Expected Date of Graduation:

Major:

Minor (*if any*):

Other College(s)/University(ies) Attended:

Date(s) of Attendance:

II. PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Briefly provide the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society Scholarship Committee with an overview of the goals and aspirations you have set for yourself in the field of wildlife and/or natural resources research, conservation, and/or management. Where do you see yourself in 10 years and how might your goals benefit rocky mountain bighorn sheep (*not to exceed one page*)?

III. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Briefly outline your employment history since the beginning of your undergraduate program. Include both natural resources and non-natural resources related employment. Include dates of employment, employer, contact information for a supervisor or project manager (if known), and the position you held. Limit the description of your position to one sentence (*not to exceed two pages*).

IV. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Briefly outline your volunteer activities and experience (if any) since the beginning of your undergraduate program. Include both natural resources and non-natural resources related activities. Please provide a brief statement as to why you volunteer(ed) with each activity (*not to exceed one page*).

V. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Briefly describe your leadership activities/accomplishments (if any) gained during your undergraduate career. List organizations, activities, positions/offices held, dates of your involvement, and other examples of your leadership involvement (*not to exceed one page*).

VI. HOBBIES:

Briefly outline your hobbies and/or how you enjoy spending your free time (*not to exceed one page*).

VII. ESSAY #1:

Discuss a conservation and/or management issue that may be affecting bighorn sheep and what you believe should be done – or is being done – to address it (*not to exceed one page*).

VIII. ESSAY #2:

Describe how sheep hunters help provide for the conservation and management of bighorn sheep throughout the United States (*not to exceed one page*).

IX. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION:

Please have your college/university Department Head or Chairperson provide a brief letter (*not to exceed one page*) on official letterhead to the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society's Scholarship Committee certifying the following:

- 1) You as an applicant;
- 2) That you the applicant are a junior or senior in a wildlife, biological sciences, or natural resources management curriculum;
- 3) That you the applicant are scheduled to be enrolled as a full time student in the above program the following semester/quarter;
- 4) That you the applicant has at least one semester or two quarters remaining in their undergraduate degree program; and
- 5) That you the applicant have a cumulative grade point average is 2.5 or higher.

Please have the Department Head or Chairperson include their contact information in the letter as well. This letter can be mailed or faxed to:

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For any questions, please call or e-mail Chris Roe at 970-532-1308 or chris@yourwildlife.com.

Thank You, and Good Luck!