



## Richard Bischoff Graduate Scholarship

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society (MVAS) is pleased to offer a one-year, \$750/per semester, scholarship to a graduate student at New Mexico State University. This scholarship is available to NMSU graduate students in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, Department of Biology, or the Geography Department.

The mission of MVAS is to be a “conservation and natural history organization in southern New Mexico that promotes appreciation and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and habitat through environmental education, issue advocacy, and natural history experiences.”

MVAS requirements for consideration of this scholarship are:

1. A 3.5 GPA (undergraduate or graduate, must provide a transcript–unofficial okay)
2. A 500-1000 word research proposal including but not limited to:
  - A description of your research (Abstract, Research Question, Background, Objectives, Methods & Expected Results)
3. A one-page cover letter that includes:
  - An explanation of why you should receive this scholarship
  - An explicit statement of how your research is related to the mission of MVAS (above)
  - Your name, address, phone number, and email address, and your advisor’s name and affiliation.
4. Award winners are expected to introduce themselves and receive the first check at the April meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month), and get a photo taken for the newsletter.
5. The recipient must provide evidence they attained a 3.5 GPA during the first semester (fall) of the scholarship to receive the \$750 for the second semester (spring) within one week of the beginning of the second (spring) semester.
6. Recipients are also required to present their research to the MVAS during the regular meeting the following April (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month).

Applications will be accepted from 15 February until 15 March. A final decision will be made by 22 March and all candidates will be notified after that date. Applications should be submitted by email to the **committee chair** listed below with “MVAS scholarship application” in the subject line. Please convert all documents to pdf. Attach your proposal, cover letter and transcripts to the email.

If you have any questions please contact anyone on the scholarship committee:

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