



## Richard Bischoff Graduate Scholarship

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society (MVAS) is pleased to offer a one-year, \$1,000/per semester, scholarship at New Mexico State University. This scholarship is available to NMSU graduate students in the departments of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, Biology, and Geography and Environmental Studies.

MVAS is 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 criteria for consideration of this scholarship are:

1. A 3.5 GPA (undergraduate or graduate, must provide a transcript [unofficial])
2. A research proposal (maximum 1,000 words) describing your intended research (i.e., abstract, research question, background, objectives, methods, expected results)
3. A one-page cover letter that includes:
  - why you should receive this scholarship
  - how your research relates to the mission of MVAS (above)
  - Your name, address, phone number, email address, and your advisor's name and affiliation.
4. Award winners are expected to introduce themselves and their project and receive the first check at the April meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month) and provide a photo for the newsletter and Facebook.
5. The recipient must provide evidence of a 3.5 GPA during the first semester (fall) of the scholarship to receive the \$1,000 for the second semester (spring) within one week of the beginning of the second (spring) semester.
6. At the end of the scholarship year, recipients are expected to present on 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 – 15 March, 2024. A final decision will be made by 30 March, and all candidates will be notified soon after that date.

If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the MVAS Scholarship Committee, Dr. Carol Campbell at [geobird@nmsu.edu](mailto:geobird@nmsu.edu).

Submit your application by email to Dr. Carol Campbell ([geobird@nmsu.edu](mailto:geobird@nmsu.edu)) with "MVAS scholarship application" in the subject line. Attach your proposal, cover letter, and transcripts (in pdf format) to the email.

Thank you! We look forward to reading about your good work!