

OVERVIEW

Each year Environmental Science & Management awards scholarships for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students.

The application deadline for all awards is April 1 each year. To apply for ESM scholarships students must login to [Scholarship Universe](#) and search for the following awards. Please be aware that accepting scholarships potentially impacts your financial aid; contact [Financial Aid](#) to find out more information.

Edward D. and Olive C. Bushby Scholarship

The Bushby family established an endowment for the support of outstanding graduate and undergraduate students of Environmental Science and Management that have financial need. Bushby Scholarships are awarded to support research, travel, or living expenses.

Amount: Applicants may request up to \$3,000. The scholarship can be awarded completely in the Fall term of 2025, or can be awarded evenly across the academic year at the beginning of each term (\$1,000 per term). Approximately 10-15 awards will be made.

Eligibility:

- ESM MS or MEM students, EES PhD students advised by ESM faculty, and undergraduate environmental science and studies majors are all eligible and encouraged to apply.
- Undergraduates must be a junior or senior full-time student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to apply.
- You must be an enrolled student in Fall 2025 (students who graduate Spring 2025 or Summer 2025 are not eligible).

Criteria: Bushby scholarships are awarded for students with (1) exceptional research plans, (2) plans to present research at scholarly and professional conferences, or (3) financial needs to support their academic pursuits. For those seeking support for research or conference travel, provide a budget for your research or conference plans. The use of these funds will also advance diversity, equity and inclusion through research and academic pursuits in the Environmental Science & Management graduate programs and undergraduate majors. Please use the application prompts to indicate which of the 3 types of support you are seeking and how your unique experience promotes a diverse, equitable, and inclusive program of research or academic pursuits in Environmental Science and Management at PSU.

The Paul Croy Environmental Scholarship

Named for a western educator and poet, the Paul Croy Scholarship in Environmental Studies was established to provide support to Undergraduate students who are pursuing academic and career goals related to preservation of the environment.

Amount: The amount for this award is \$1,000 and will be awarded in the Fall 2025 term. No more than two awards will be made.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate Environmental Studies majors are encouraged to apply.
- You must be a junior or senior full-time student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to apply.
- You must be an enrolled student in Fall 2025 (students who graduate Spring 2025 or Summer 2025 are not eligible).

Criteria: This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding student with career interests in the social and policy aspects of environmental protection and management.

The Barry Commoner Environmental Scholarship

Dr. Commoner is an internationally known environmental scientist, founder of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems (Queen's College), and a former candidate for president of the United States. The Commoner Environmental Scholarship was established to provide support to undergraduate students with academic and career interests in environmental science.

Amount: The amount for this award is \$1,000 and will be awarded in the Fall 2025 term. No more than two awards will be made.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate Environmental Science students are encouraged to apply.
- You must be a junior or senior full-time student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to apply.
- You must be an enrolled student in Fall 2025 (students who graduate Spring 2025 or Summer 2025 are not eligible).

Criteria: This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding student with academic and career interests in environmental science.

Application Instructions for ESM Scholarships

1. Login to Scholarship Universe at <https://pdx.scholarshipuniverse.com/>.
2. Complete the matching questions, including your major, GPA, current academic level, financial need (yes/no). ESM majors and graduate students should indicate the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Choose any additional matching questions you would like to complete.
3. If you do not automatically see one of the above scholarships listed in your matched scholarships after completing the matching questions, use the search bar to search for either “Bushby”, “Croy”, or “Commoner”.
4. Complete your application by filling out each of the fields in the application. Note the following:
 - a. If you are an undergraduate student and the first question in the *Academic Information* section does not apply to you, please include the following statement: “I am an undergraduate student and am not pursuing academic research, a thesis, or dissertation.”
 - b. Use the second prompt (i.e., “Describe your educational and long-term career goals...”) in the *Required Essays* section to address the criteria for the scholarships listed above.
 - c. ESM does not require or review letters of recommendation for ESM Scholarships. If you are applying for ESM Scholarships **only**, you may list yourself as your letter of recommendation writer and then upload [this letter](#) when you receive the letter of recommendation request email from Scholarship Universe. Please note that if you are applying for other non-ESM scholarships that do require letters of recommendation, you should not follow these directions and instead follow instructions to request letters of recommendation; the ESM awards committee will not review letters of recommendation.
5. Remember the following as you work in Scholarship Universe.
 - a. You do not have to complete your application in one sitting.
 - b. Your information will be saved every time you navigate to another page of the application.
 - c. You can find already started applications under the “In Progress” application menu.
 - d. You will NOT be able to submit your application after the due date.
 - e. Once you have submitted your application, you will NOT be able to access your application to make changes to your answers.
 - f. ESM recommends that you compose lengthy answers (such as essay questions) in a program such as MS Word or Google Docs and paste them into the appropriate spaces on your application.
 - g. Do NOT use essay responses generated from AI tools. Your application will be reviewed by the ESM awards committee, which is looking for authentic and personal answers that reflect your lived experience.