



Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of the Wildlife Society
The Diversity and Inclusion Memorial Award Honoring Randi Logsdon
APPLICATION for 2023

This award memorializes Randi Logsdon, a dedicated wildlife biologist, and longtime Sac-Shasta Chapter of TWS and Western Section TWS member, who passed away in October 2019.

Randi served on the Sac-Shasta Chapter board as Editor of the Magpie newsletter from 2009 through 2013. Randi regularly contributed to several board committees, including student outreach and conservation affairs. She felt strongly about engaging students and underrepresented communities in the wildlife field, and was active with the Western Section TWS student affairs and diversity committees, and career symposium at the annual Western Section meeting. We remember Randi for her poise, resilience, warmth, and generous disposition. This is an award to support underserved and aspiring students and early career wildlife biologists pursuing a career in the wildlife, ecology, or conservation sciences.

Each Recipient will receive:

- \$200 towards registration and merchandise for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Western Section of the Wildlife Society, **Feb. 5- Feb. 9, 2024**, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park, CA *If already registered for this meeting, a reimbursement to the recipient will be provided.*
- Recognition at the **Chapter Meeting**
- \$300 towards registration in a wildlife, ecology, or conservation-based professional development training, workshop, or conference of the awardee's choice (virtual or in-person* in California or Nevada in the year 2024). Additional information will be required from the recipient. *In person will only be considered if consistent with TWS policies for in-person events.

Minimum Qualifications for this Award:

Applicants are eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Ability to attend the Sac-Shasta Chapter Meeting.
- At least half-time enrolled students with an undergraduate or graduate class status from a college or university in California or Nevada.
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA to date (unofficial, or official transcripts from the college or university must be attached to this application).
- Interest in exploring and developing a career in wildlife, ecology, or conservation sciences.
- The recipient must belong to one or more of the following under supported groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in the wildlife sciences: first generation college attendees, veterans, persons with disabilities, gender, sex, native/indigenous, and ethnic underrepresented groups.

Directions: Complete all fields of the application.

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Birthdate: _____



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Application Type (check one):

☐ Undergraduate (Freshman-Senior at a Community College or 4-year College) - *fill out High School and Undergraduate Information*

☐ Graduate (Accepted or Currently Enrolled in a Graduate Program) - *fill out Undergraduate and Graduate Information*

High School Information:

Name of High School graduated from: _____

High School Address: _____

Approximate GPA: _____

Undergraduate Information:

Name of College/ University attending _____

Current Year in College (e.g., Sophomore or Junior): _____

Current or Declared Major: _____

Cumulative GPA to date: _____

Graduate Information:

Name of College/ University attending _____

Degree Pursued (e.g., M.S., PhD) _____

Research (Thesis) Topic: _____

Attach a narrative (not to exceed 1.5 pages, single spaced) to this application addressing each of the points below. You may answer each question directly, or prepare an essay with all points addressed.

- 1) Elaborate on your interest in exploring a career in wildlife, ecology, or conservation sciences.
- 2) Discuss your aspirations and efforts to date demonstrating commitment to your career in mind.
- 3) Describe an instance of facing personal adversity (e.g., financial hardship, discrimination, marginalizing experiences, or other difficult situation), how you handled that adversity, and how you overcame (or are overcoming) such a situation.
- 4) Outline your interest in, ideas, and thoughts for increasing opportunities for underrepresented persons in the wildlife field.
- 5) Describe your potential and interest in serving as a peer mentor (as a past year recipient to the recipient in the following year).
- 6) If known, the name and location of the targeted wildlife, ecology, or conservation-based professional development training, workshop, or conference that the recipient would like to attend in 2024 (see * above; ideas can be found here: https://twc-west.org/?page_id=106).



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Application Submission Process — Applicants will send a digital copy of their application package to: sac.shasta@gmail.com and with subject line “Diversity and Inclusion Memorial Award application” by **Monday, January 15, 2024**. Make sure to include:

1. This completed application (pages 1-2).
2. The narrative (not to exceed 1.5 pages single spaced) addressing points 1-6 on page 2 of the application.
3. Your college/ university transcripts outlining a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA of courses taken to date (unofficial ok).

Applicant Review Process—The TWS Scholarship Committee will review applications as soon as received. If a large number of applications are received, the Committee may opt to ask other board members to make recommendations.

Award Granting Process — The chosen recipient will be contacted immediately upon Committee determination. The Sac-Shasta Chapter of TWS will ensure registration and payment for the Western Section Annual Meeting. If already registered for this meeting, a reimbursement to the recipient will be provided. *Recipients must attend the virtual Chapter Member’s meeting the evening for recognition.* Subsequent correspondence will ensure a check payment for registration for the upcoming conference, workshop or training.

Award in Years Subsequent to 2024— There is one recipient for this award cycle for 2024. The amount for this Award may vary from year to year, depending upon the Chapter’s budget, and donations, and additional awards may be available for early career professionals as well.