

Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for the Frances M. Peacock Scholarship

The **Frances M. Peacock Scholarship** for Native Bird Habitat was created by the late Frances M. Peacock, “to provide financial aid to an advanced student (college senior or graduate student) to study areas in the United States that provide winter or summer habitat for our threatened and endangered native birds.”

The award will be given annually by the Garden Club of America and administered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. This new scholarship will fund one student up to \$4,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the awardee.

Proposals will be judged upon the significance of the research project, prior accomplishments of the awardee, and the appropriateness of the research topic as it relates to the criteria of the Scholarship.

Ground rules:

1. Policy is not to pay overhead, whether stated as overhead or as indirect cost.
2. The Peacock Scholarship is for one year only and may not be renewed for multi-year projects.
3. The Scholarship is for college seniors (2nd semester juniors may submit application for senior year) or graduate students only.
4. Funds from the Peacock Scholarship can be used at the discretion of the awardee; for fees, expenses, or even tuition provided they are directly related to the project at hand.

Conditions:

1. At the conclusion of the study, the awardee will forward five copies of a progress report to the Lab of Ornithology.
2. The awardee shall forward five copies or reprints of any report or published work resulting from the study to the Lab of Ornithology.
3. The Garden Club of America and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology shall receive acknowledgment for their assistance in any publication or report resulting from this scholarship.

Specific Guidelines:

We do not have a printed application form for the submission of proposals. Instead, we request a brief proposal of no more than five pages. We request that proposal’s first page provide the following summary: **title, abstract, schedule, university affiliation, name of major advisor, name/address of applicant, and Social Security Number.** Please submit proposals in triplicate.

We suggest your full proposal include:

1. **Title:** a brief description of your project.
2. **Summary:** one paragraph review.
3. **Objectives:** a concise statement of the specific objectives of your project.
4. **Justification:** a concise statement of the importance of your project as it relates to the definition of the Peacock Scholarship,” to study areas in the United States that provide winter or summer habitat for our threatened and endangered native birds.”
5. **Background:** a brief summary about previous research on the topic (both yours and other investigators) and the status of your project.
6. **Methodology:** an explanation of how you plan to carry out your project. Outline the stages of your project, where the work will be done, and what facilities and equipment are available. If your project involves study plots, please note the plot size.
7. **Schedule:** time period required to complete your project.
8. **Budget:** a simple account of how you will use the funds. Please identify the number of field assistants in your budget.
9. **Institutional affiliation:** your university and the name/address/phone of your major advisor.
10. **Your qualification:** a brief resume of your academic education, job experience, and other relevant training. A curriculum vitae will suffice.

Deadline for submission is on the 15th of January each year and is strictly enforced.

Please submit proposal to:

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