



Canadian Wildlife Federation Wildlife Research in Northern Manitoba and Canadian Central Arctic Scholarship Guidelines

PURPOSE OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The purpose of the Wildlife Research in Northern Manitoba and Canadian Central Arctic Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students conducting research on wildlife, habitat, or ecosystem conservation in Northern Manitoba and/or the Canadian Central Arctic, including the Canadian Boreal Forest and Arctic environments.

Projects must meaningfully integrate Indigenous perspectives, knowledge, or community input, and, where appropriate, support Indigenous participation in wildlife monitoring or research activities.

This scholarship supports Canadian citizens, refugees, and permanent residents of Canada.

This fund was initiated by the late Dr. Roderick “Rick” Riewe (University of Manitoba) and Dr. Doug Schindler (Joro Consultants).

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The value of the scholarship is normally up to a maximum of \$5,000.

At the discretion of the Canadian Wildlife Foundation, awards may exceed this amount based on:

- The quality and relevance of the proposed research
- The number of strong applications
- Available funding in a given year

The final award amount is determined annually by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be Canadian citizens, refugees, or permanent residents of Canada
2. Be enrolled full-time in an educational institution at one of the following levels:
 - High school (Grades 11–12 participating in supervised wildlife-related research)
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate (Master’s)
 - Doctorate (PhD)
3. Be undertaking research or fieldwork focused on wildlife, habitat, or ecosystem conservation in:
 - Northern Manitoba, and/or
 - The Canadian Central Arctic
4. Demonstrate how the proposed project incorporates Indigenous knowledge, perspectives, or community engagement relevant to the region
5. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (based on the most recent 60 credit hours or equivalent)
6. Not be a former recipient of this scholarship

SELECTION

- **Alignment with the purpose of the scholarship**, including research focused on wildlife, habitat, or ecosystem conservation in Northern Manitoba and/or the Canadian Central Arctic*, and the integration of Indigenous perspectives, knowledge, or community input related to sustainability and management strategies.
- **Quality, clarity, and completeness of the application**, including the description of the proposed research, methodology, fieldwork locations, and relevance to northern environments.
- **Potential benefit of the research** to Northern Manitoba and/or the Canadian Central Arctic, including how the proposed work may advance understanding, stewardship, or management of northern species, habitats, and ecosystems.
- **Engagement with Indigenous perspectives**, including, where appropriate, Indigenous participation in wildlife monitoring or research activities.
- **Relevant experience and future aspirations**, including demonstrated interest and commitment to Northern Manitoba, the Canadian Boreal Forest, and Arctic environments.
- **Reports from references**, with particular emphasis on the assessment provided by the course instructor or project supervisor.
- **Academic performance**, demonstrated by a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on the most recent 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of completed study.

Where there are more qualified applicants than scholarships available, the selection committee will apply the following prioritization guidelines:

- Students working on their first degree will be prioritized over students working on subsequent degrees.
- Students not part of a larger, funded research project will be prioritized over students who are.
- High school students (Grades 11–12) who are engaged in wildlife-related fieldwork or research through a supervised program will also be considered.

This scholarship may be held concurrently with other awards and financial support, except those administered by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications include three required components:

1. Online application form
2. Reference reports (up to three)
 - One reference must be from a course instructor or research supervisor
3. Official transcripts from all relevant institutions

All components must be received by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation by:

- **Application deadline: February 28, 2026**
- **Notification date: March 31, 2026**

Applicants are encouraged to order transcripts early, as processing times may vary.

A multidisciplinary committee will review all applications; applicants should use clear, accessible language to ensure materials are understandable to all reviewers.