

**Canadian Wildlife Federation**  
**Indigenous Manitoba Wildlife Fellowship Endowment Fund (IMWFEF)**

**Purpose of the Endowment Fund**

The purpose of the Indigenous Manitoba Wildlife Fellowship Endowment Fund is to provide financial assistance, based on financial need and academic performance, to support research students (Canadian Citizens and permanent residents of Canada) in Undergraduate, Graduate, or Doctorate Studies or be a member of First Nations educational institutes focussed on the conservation of wildlife in Northern Manitoba.

**Amount of Bursary**

The value of the IMWFEF is up to a maximum of \$5,000 but may exceed this amount upon the discretion of the Canadian Wildlife Foundation. The final amount of the fund will be determined by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation based on the relevance and merits of the proposed application and the amount of financial assistance available in a given year.

**Eligibility**

This fund is offered to undergraduate, graduate and doctorate students who are enrolled in an accredited Canadian college or university that is recognized by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation. Applicants must be Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada who are pursuing research at a Canadian college or university. Students must be undertaking research concerning the conservation of wildlife in Northern Manitoba.

Former recipients of the IMWFEF are not eligible to re-apply.

**Selection**

In making the selection for the endowment fund, the selection committee will take into account:

- Students who are furthering their education in the fields of environmental research in science or social sciences
- Quality of the application
- Potential benefit of the research to the Northern Manitoba
- Relevant experience and future aspirations
- Reports of the referees
- Academic performance – have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on the most recent 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study completed

This fund may be held in conjunction with other awards and financial support, except for those administered by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation.

**Application Process**

There are three parts to this fund: the application form, the reference's reports and the transcripts. All parts of the application must be completed and received by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation by the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Please complete the online application form first.

Applicants are required to submit two (2) references, one of which must be from a course instructor or the supervisor of the research project. Your selected references must be familiar with your research and experience.

We recommend that you order your official transcripts well in advance of the application deadline as it may take several weeks to receive these documents.

All applications will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee so please keep technical language to a minimum. Your application should be easily understood by any committee members.

### **Application Form**

Please read the all the IMWFEF Guidelines before completing this application form.

### **General Information**

#### **1. Name**

Last name, first name

#### **2. Address**

Address

City/town

Province/Territory

Postal Code

Telephone

Email address(es)

#### **3. Are you a Canadian Citizen?**

Yes

No

#### **4. Are you a permanent resident of Canada?**

Yes

No

#### **5. Are you currently enrolled in studies focused on the conservation of wildlife in Northern Manitoba?**

Yes

No

#### **6. Current program of study**

- a) University/college/doctorate studies:
- b) Program or field of study:
- c) Degree sought:
- d) Year in program:
- e) Start date of degree:
- f) Anticipated completion of degree (year/month):
- g) If you have experienced any interruptions in your program, please explain your circumstances:

#### **7. Instructor or Project Supervisor and References**

- a) Indicate the name and contact information for your instructor or project supervisor

Name & Title:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

- b) Indicate the name and contact information for your second reference:

Name & Title:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

#### **8. Academic Background**

List on separate lines your past diplomas and/or degrees from most recent to earliest:

#### **9. Proposed Research Project**

- a) Title of your proposed research project:

- b) If applicable, add your field work locations:

- c) Describe your proposed research. Why is your research important? What is your main goal in conducting this research? How do you plan to gather information or data? Where will you be conducting your research? Explain how your research will contribute to an understanding of Northern Manitoba.

d) Please explain how your scientific and Traditional Knowledge studies of wildlife, wildlife habitat, conservation, the environment or education can increase understanding of Northern Manitoba. Please explain how your research may be applied to such an understanding.

e) Is your research part of a team project?

Yes

No

f) If yes, please explain the significance of your unique contribution to the research.

#### **10. Information about You**

a) Tell us about activities in which you have been involved in Northern Manitoba, such as your voluntary work. We are interested in knowing that you have an interest and commitment to Northern Manitoba and/or the community in which you live.

b) We recognize that graduate students may have work experience that led to an interest in conducting research into a specific area. Tell us about any work in which you have been involved that is relevant and that shows your interest and commitment to Northern Manitoba and/or the community in which you live.

c) We are interested in knowing about how your future aspirations and how your aspirations, through your research, will benefit the future of Northern Manitoba. Please explain.

d) List recent awards or financial support you currently receive:

Indicate the name, granting institution, date, and if applicable, the monetary value:

e) Academic Transcripts

I have made arrangements to provide relevant transcripts of my academic performance from the following institutions:

#### **11. Signed Application**

I certify that the information provided in this application, and the accompanying documentation, is true, accurate and complete. I have read and understood the Indigenous Manitoba Wildlife Fellowship Endowment Fund Guidelines. If my application is successful, I authorize the publication of my name, photograph and post-secondary institution on the Canadian Wildlife Federation and Canadian Wildlife Foundation website, annual report, newsletters, bulletins, and any other publicity or public relations publicity or information materials.

Agreed:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Guidelines for Letters from Referees**

### **Personal Evaluation Form**

#### **Evaluator Instructions**

The person whose name appears above is applying for the IMWFEF. This application will be considered by a multi- disciplinary committee, based on the student's financial need and academic performance.

An applicant's research must contribute to the understanding of the Northern Manitoba with an emphasis on wildlife, conservation or education. In making the selection for the funding, the selection committee will take into account:

- Individuals who permanently reside in one of the communities in the Northern Manitoba
- Students who are furthering their education in the fields of wildlife species, wildlife habitat, wildlife conservation, the environment or education
- Quality of the application
- Potential benefit of the research to the Northern Manitoba
- Relevant experience and future aspirations
- Reports of the referees
- Academic performance

Your candid assessment of the applicant will assist the committee of the Canadian Wildlife Foundation in its evaluation. We are aware that we are asking for consideration, time and effort in completing an evaluation. We want to assure you that your assistance in giving this candid appraisal is appreciated.

Please complete the information requested on this form.

Your comments will be held in complete confidence and will not be shown to the applicant.

#### **1) Name, Title and Contact Information of the Reference**

Name

Title

Address

Telephone number

E-mail address

#### **2) Name of Applicant**

Last name

First name

#### **3) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?**

**4) Please give us your appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Rate the applicant in comparison with other graduate students whom you have supervised or with women and men in his or her peer group.**

	Exceptional (Top 2%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 15%)	Good (Top third)	Average (Mid third)	Below Average (Bottom third)	Don't Know
Commitment to Northern Manitoba							
Research capacity							
Motivation							
Ability to complete research							

**5) What do you consider the applicant's strengths and weaknesses?**

**6) In your opinion, how would the applicant benefit from this bursary?**

**7) In your opinion, how would the applicant's research make a contribution of an understanding of Northern Manitoba?**

**8) In your opinion, what activities of the applicant, if any, do you think would show an interest and commitment to Northern Manitoba or the community in which the applicant lives?**

**9) Please provide any further information you believe is relevant to this application.**

**11) I certify that the information provided in this reference form is true, accurate and complete. I have read and understood the IMWFWF Guidelines.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_