



Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Leadership Awards 2021

*Torstenson Family Endowment Wildlife Leadership Award and
Gerald L. (Jerry) Turpin Wildlife Leadership Award*

The mission of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage. Included in the hunting heritage part of this mission is supporting the education and development of wildlife professionals grounded in the North American Model of Wildlife Management.

The RMEF Wildlife Leadership Awards (WLA) scholarship program was established in 1991 to "recognize, encourage and promote leadership among future wildlife management professionals." The awards are presented to undergraduate wildlife students, and currently provide a \$5,000 scholarship and a one-year membership to RMEF.

The awards include the *Torstenson Family Endowment WLA*, established in memory of Bob Torstenson (1950-2002) and the *Gerald L. (Jerry) Turpin WLA*, established in memory of Gerald L. (Jerry) Turpin (1977-2001). Recipients of both awards are selected from the same pool of applicants.

QUALIFICATIONS:

By the start of the 2021 fall quarter/semester, applicant must:

- 1) Be an undergraduate enrolled in a wildlife-related natural resource program in a four-year college/university in the United States or Canada. It is acceptable to be transferring from a two-year college to a four-year institution.
- 2) Have at least junior standing, as verified by applicant's college/university.
- 3) Have at least one semester or two quarters remaining in undergraduate degree program.
- 4) Be enrolled as a full-time student for the 2021 fall semester/quarter prior to funds being distributed. This will be verified with awardee's college/university in the fall.
- 5) Have not previously received a RMEF Wildlife Leadership Award. Previous recipients are ineligible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All application materials must be submitted via e-mail by **April 19, 2021**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- 1) Complete and submit the Scholarship Application Form.
 - The application is a fillable document in Microsoft Word format. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
 - Your Release & Certification must be hand-signed or e-signed via an electronic signature application. Your signature may not be typed.
 - Submit your application via e-mail to awards@rmef.org with the term "WLA" in the subject line. Do not mail a hard copy of your application.

- 2) Have your Department Head / Chairperson complete and sign the University Verification form.
 - Department signature must be hand-signed or e-signed via an electronic signature application. The signature may not be typed.
 - E-mail the verification page to awards@rmef.org with the term “WLA” in the subject line. This form can be submitted with or separate from the application.
- 3) Obtain two letters of recommendation from department faculty, employer, or volunteer supervisor.
 - Encourage references to stress your leadership qualities.
 - Have the authors submit their letters via e-mail to awards@rmef.org with the term “WLA” in the subject line.
- 4) RMEF will e-mail confirmation of receipt of documents.
 - If you do not receive acknowledgement of your application receipt within two weeks, contact awards@rmef.org.
- 5) For additional information:
 - To learn more about RMEF, visit www.rmef.org.
 - For questions or to confirm receipt, e-mail awards@rmef.org.

APPLICATION QUICK CHECKLIST:

- Application form, including seven essay questions and applicant’s signature under Release and Certification.
- University Verification form.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- All documents e-mailed by April 19, 2021.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Each application will be screened by the RMEF Scholarship Committee. Final decisions on the Torstenson Family Endowment WLA will be made by the Committee, and final decisions on the Gerald L. Turpin WLA will be made by the Turpin Family. Award recipients will be announced by June 30th, with notifications e-mailed to both awardees and non-awardees. Scholarship funding will be awarded in the fall semester/quarter upon receipt of RMEF’s required documentation.

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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(This application is fillable. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.)

NAME	Click here to enter text.	DATE	Click here to enter text.
ADDRESS WHILE IN SCHOOL	Click here to enter text.		
	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	
	CITY	STATE/PROVINCE	ZIP
TELEPHONE	Click here to enter text.	E-MAIL	Click here to enter text.
PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS	Click here to enter text.		
	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	
	CITY	STATE/PROVINCE	ZIP
NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING	Click here to enter text.	STATE/PROV.	Click here to enter text.
DATES ATTENDED	Click here to enter text.	EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE	Click here to enter text.
MAJOR OR AREA OF STUDY	Click here to enter text.		
OTHER UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED	Click here to enter text.	DATES ATTENDED	Click here to enter text.
	Click here to enter text.		Click here to enter text.

Please answer the following seven essay questions. The text boxes will expand as you type.

HOBBIES & LEISURE ACTIVITIES (No points): In 100 words or less, detail your hobbies and leisure activities.

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LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (25 points): In 250 words or less, describe your LEADERSHIP activities and accomplishments as they relate to wildlife or natural resources. Include organizations, dates, offices held, committee chairs, or other examples of leadership in wildlife and conservation organizations, professional associations, as well as community and university groups and activities.

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EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (20 points): In 250 words or less, describe any work and/or volunteer experience you have had, including length of service. Please DO include experience that is not necessarily related to wildlife or natural resources.

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ROLE OF HUNTING IN CONSERVATION (25 points): In 250 words or less, describe the present role of hunting in conservation and how hunting can impact conservation in the future.

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CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES (20 points): In 250 words or less, identify what you believe to be two of the most important conservation issues facing North America during the next ten years, and how they will impact future wildlife management activities.

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CAREER GOALS (10 points): In 250 words or less, describe your career goals and your plan/vision to utilize your undergraduate degree to attain them.

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FINANCIAL NEED (0 points): In 100 words or less, describe your financial need, specifically how you are currently paying for your undergraduate degree (i.e. other scholarships, family assistance, jobs). Include special or unique circumstances.

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RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION: I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes if selected. I also give permission to release information concerning my academic progress to sponsors of the scholarship I may receive. I understand that I must be registered as a full-time wildlife student next fall semester/quarter to be eligible to receive a RMEF scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in the application is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature must be signed, not typed.



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University Verification

As an RMEF Wildlife Leadership Award scholarship applicant, please have your Department Head or Chairperson verify your undergraduate enrollment with this form. Submit the completed form via e-mail to awards@rmef.org with the term "WLA" in the subject line. This form can be handwritten and can be e-mailed separately from the application.

The RMEF Wildlife Leadership Award scholarship applicant, _____, is expected to be a full-time student of **junior** or **senior** standing by the start of the 2021 fall trimester/semester in the wildlife curriculum in the department of _____. His/her GPA on a 4.0 scale to date is _____.

Verified by:

Name: _____ Title: _____

University: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature must be signed, not typed.

Please e-mail this completed form to awards@rmef.org with the term **WLA included in the subject line**