



THE MICKEY SCUDDER SCHOLARSHIP IN FIELD BIOLOGY

The Webster Groves Nature Study Society is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the Mickey Scudder Scholarship in Field Biology, an annual award to support the field work of a graduate student in natural history. Eligible graduate students are those registered for advanced degrees in universities of the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area. These institutions include: St. Louis University, The University of Southern Illinois, Edwardsville, The University of Missouri at St. Louis and Washington University.

Mickey Scudder is well remembered for her infectious enthusiasm towards field work, particularly with wild birds. Consequently, graduate students planning field work in such areas as ornithology, systematics of plants or animals, entomology, forestry, ecology, behavior, population genetics, etc. or those desiring to attend a field station to take formal course work in such areas are invited to apply for the competitive scholarship.

The amount to be awarded will be up to \$1,000 to a single student. The award period will be 1 June to 31 May of the following year. The award will be made to the applicant's institution which is expected to establish and monitor a fund as appropriate to curate the stipend. The funds may carry over beyond the year of award if such is to the benefit of the awardee's research. The Scudder Scholarship will not pay overhead to any institution.

Applicants should submit the following materials to the review committee:

A. Proposals for support of field research

1. A statement describing the nature of the proposed field work. This statement should include a succinct review of the goals and, where relevant, a clear indication of hypothesis to be tested. A brief description of the field techniques to be employed should be couched in general terms understandable to non-technical reviewers. It is understood that some of the field data will be further analyzed in the laboratory, and applicants should indicate the extent to which this will occur.
2. A budget covering the expected costs. Travel for automobiles will be reimbursed on a mileage basis at the official rate of the applicant's institution. Estimated expenses for air travel for longer trips must be on the basis of tourist class. It is preferred that living expenses in the field be treated as itemized costs (food, room, etc.) rather than as per diem items. Personal expenses are not to be included. Scientific supplies may be itemized in general categories. It is not visualized that equipment costs can realistically be met by this award.

3. Three letters of recommendation from current and former faculty should be submitted independently. One such letter must be from the applicant's advisor who must specify that the applicant is a bona fide student currently registered for a post B.A. or B.S. degree. The advisor should also stipulate that the applicant's field expenses are not already covered by existing funds and that the award would truly enhance his/her field work.
4. Each applicant should submit a brief statement of his/her academic career, *Curriculum Vitae*. Information desired includes: past degrees, the awarding institution and date; a summary of formal courses in the sciences plus grades (formal transcripts need not be submitted); participation in conservation activities; other information as desired by the applicant.

B. Proposals for attending formal courses of a terrestrial, fresh water or marine station.

1. Identification of the station and the courses desired. The applicant should indicate how such courses will supplement those taken on the home campus.
2. The applicant will submit a budget describing the cost of tuition, room and board, and travel up to the limit of the award. Expenses above this limit are the responsibility of the awardee.
3. Three letters of recommendation from former or current faculty. One must be from the applicant's major advisor who should state that applicant is a graduate student registered for a post B.A. or B.S. degree.
4. Each applicant should submit a brief statement of his/her academic career, *Curriculum Vitae*. Information desired includes: past degrees, the awarding institution and date; a summary of formal courses in the sciences plus grades (formal transcripts need not be submitted); participation in conservation activities, other information as desired by the applicant.

Submit your application by **February 16, 2007** to:

The Mickey Scudder Scholarship in Field Biology
Webster Groves Nature Study Society

- A. Electronic Submission to thomarkas4@sbcglobal.net, to the attention of Richard S. Thoma. Electronic files should not exceed 2 MB to facilitate transmission of the application over the internet. It is permissible to send multiple e-mails as long as they are clearly linked in the documentation. All files must be Microsoft Office XP compatible.
- B. Or Paper Submission (7 copies are required)

C/O Richard S. Thoma
320 Frieda Ave.
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Recipients will be notified on or before April 1 (the funds will be available June 1); you should submit a brief written report within a year of receiving the funds; and you shall acknowledge the scholarship in any resulting published material. You will also be invited to the annual dinner meeting of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society, May 2007.