

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Wildlife for Everyone Foundation is honored to assist five university students with financial support to advance their career goals. The Wildlife Scholarship Fund benefits students interested in advancing their career interest in a wildlife or conservation field.



Michaela Wallingford (Spring Mills, PA) is a sophomore studying Wildlife and Fisheries Science at Penn State-University Park campus. She hopes to pursue a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Management. Michaela is looking forward to becoming a dedicated conservationist and following in the footsteps of her parents as a wildlife biologist for either the Pennsylvania Game Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She is the vice president of The Wildlife Society – Penn State Student Chapter. With her scholarship money, she hopes to cover the cost of textbooks for the year.



Victoria Roper (Bloomsburg, PA) is pursuing her master's degree in Biology at the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. She received a B.S. in Biology from the University of New Orleans and plans to pursue her PhD following graduation. Currently, she instructs undergraduate biology students in field research collection techniques and laboratory skills. Her long-term goal is to work with The Nature Conservancy and continue her life-long commitment to avian research, conservation, and mentoring young scientists. She plans to utilize this scholarship money to help cover the costs of tuition fees.



Jessica Brown (Dauphin, PA) is a senior majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Science at Penn State-University Park campus. Upon graduation, Jessica will continue her education as a master's student in Entomology at Penn State. Her goal is to become a professor of wildlife biology with a focus on wildlife parasitology. This summer, Jessica will conduct her first field season as part of her graduate research investigating tick choice and host behaviors as a driver of tick burdens. Jessica is treasurer of The Wildlife Society-Penn State Student Chapter. She plans to use her scholarship money to cover the initial expenses of her field study.



Kristin Bomboy (Shickshinny, PA) is pursuing a master's degree in Biology at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Science: Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from the California University of Pennsylvania. Kristin is a member of The Wildlife Society and former treasurer of the California University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter. She hopes to get a job that allows her to do public outreach for the betterment of wildlife and its habitat. She plans on using her scholarship money to help pay for her remaining education expenses this semester.



Makayla Whaling (Luthersburg, PA), is a senior majoring in Wildlife Technology at Penn State-DuBois campus. She plans to continue in the field of Wildlife and Fisheries Science with the goal of becoming a wildlife biologist. She looks forward to gaining experience from her field-related internships this summer. Makayla is a member of many wildlife—related clubs including The Wildlife Society – Penn State Dubois Chapter and the student chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. She plans to use her scholarship money to help offset the cost of tuition.