

APPLICATION PACKET

Ryan D. Beaulieu Youth Memorial Scholarship

A Joint Scholarship Fund of the
Central New Mexico Audubon Society and the Lannan Foundation

Ryan Beaulieu was a young ornithologist, environmentalist, and conservationist whose love of the earth and all its creatures and his desire to protect them was but one example of his spirit and wisdom beyond his years. He was 17 years old when a tragic accident took his life on August 27, 2005, during a birding trip in eastern New Mexico.

Ryan was a member of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society, New Mexico Ornithologist Society, The American Birding Association, The Rio Grande Nature Center, Rio Grande Bird Research Group, and an originator and principal bander of the Rosy-finch Research Project at the Sandia Crest.

Ryan's gift was his love for bird watching and his connection to nature. His life was filled with the joy of exploration and discovery of nature, and this sustains his family, his friends, and the birding community of which he was a part. This scholarship fund was established "to give testimony to the living legacy of what Ryan gave to all of us as family, friends, and community."

Eligibility

1. The scholarship is open to youth between the ages of 13 to 20 and to youth leaders, teachers, naturalists, and community educators who are actively involved in educational programs for youth in a professional or volunteer setting. Preference is given to applications from youth. CNMAS accepts applications from across the United States but preference will be given to residents of New Mexico.
2. The scholarship can be used to attend a specific program/camp/course or research project pertaining to the candidate's interest in the natural sciences.
3. Awardees will be asked to provide a written document about their experience that will be used by CNMAS on our website and in our newsletter, *The Burrowing Owl*.

Application Information

Applications are taken on an on-going basis and there is no actual deadline, but CNMAS has a first-come-first-considered basis. Therefore early applications are strongly recommended (before February 28th). Awards will be made, at the latest, by April 30th each year. The amount of funding available varies, but past awardees have received in the area of \$600-\$900. The application can be typed or hand written but must be electronically submitted as a Word or pdf document. Selection of the scholarship recipient is made by a committee of the Central New Mexico Audubon Society's board, and education committee. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the program the participant will be participating in. Transportation required to participate will be the sole responsibility of the individual scholarship recipient. It is recommended applicants contact the CNMAS Education Committee via email at cnmasgrants@gmail.com prior to submitting an application to confirm a proposal is appropriate and that the grant is still available.

Required Submissions: (electronic submissions only)

A) Application Form

Complete the entire application form. Fill in all blanks. Do not type “see above” or “see resume.” Please be as detailed as possible, including with the budget.

B) Letters of Reference

Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, park naturalist, ranger, wildlife biologist, local Audubon or birding club expert, or others qualified to recommend you as a candidate. All letters of recommendation must be signed and dated. Letters of reference cannot be written by a parent or relative. Letters can be sent as an email to cnmasgrants@gmail.com or can be scanned in and sent as a .pdf or Word attachment.

C) Personal Statement

In 200 to 500 words, describe why you want this opportunity and what activities you are currently involved with related to natural sciences in your school and community.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact the CNMAS Education Committee via email at: cnmasgrants@gmail.com. Please make sure you type “Ryan Beaulieu” in the subject line. Information can also be found/accessed on our website at <http://cnmas.newmexicoaudubon.org/> or through our Facebook page.

APPLICATION & SUBMISSION

- _____ This application
- _____ Two letters of recommendation
- _____ Personal statement
- _____ Information about the program

Submit materials and any questions to: CNMAS Education Committee cnmasgrants@gmail.com

Should you not receive acknowledgement of receipt of your email in a timely fashion, please call 505-710-0074 to check the email was successful. All information provided will be held confidential and used for the sole purpose of determination of the scholarship applied for.

**The Ryan D. Beaulieu Youth Memorial Scholarship is made possible by the
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There is no deadline for submission for 2011-12 application, however EARLY applications prior to February 28th are strongly encouraged and are on a first-come-first considered basis. Expand this formatting and/or add additional sheets if necessary, including detailed information on the program and/or budget).

Your Personal Contact Information:

Name:

Address :

City/State/Zip :

Phone :

E-mail :

School Attending:

Grade:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Gender:

Responsible Parent or Legal Guardian:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Information about the program you wish to participate in:

Program Name:

Location:

Contact person details (Name, phone number, email)

Dates of Attendance: From:

To:

Is there a deadline for application and payment for this program, and if so, when?

Is there a website that can be accessed electronically? E-mail address? Fax? Phone?

Budget/expenses for Program/Event/Research Project:

Tuition and Fees (please enter as much detail in here as possible):

If granted, CNMAS may disperse funding directly to the program for tuition and fees associated with attending the event.

Please attach any information about your program (i.e. pdf brochure), if available, or give a link to related websites:

Personal Expenses:

No personal expenses are guaranteed, but you may request some. Please list those you would like us to consider. Personal expenses may include lodging, meals, travel, books, special clothing or gear required for the activity. CNMAS does not provide transportation or arrange transportation to and from programs. The funding awarded directly to the recipient may be used at the recipient's discretion for any and all expenses associated with attending the program. CNMAS may grant all or part of the expenses requested.

Personal Statement and Letters of Recommendation:

Please be sure to include your 200-500 word personal statement and letters of recommendation.

Applicant Signatures:

Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Responsible Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian signature is required unless the applicant is 18 years of age or older and is not listed as a dependent on the parent/guardian's tax return.