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## **Teton Science Schools' Graduate Program Merit Scholarship Application**

Any prospective graduate student may apply for one of eleven competitive merit scholarships by submitting an essay that reflects the ways in which their experiences or accomplishments relate to the spirit of the individual(s) whom the scholarship honors. Merit can be based on academic performance, community service, extra-curricular achievements or exceptional interest and commitment. Scholarship awards could be up to \$5,000 depending on the quality of the essay.

Teton Science Schools' scholarship committee allocates scholarships based on the applications received. We are interested in recognizing people who have shown commitment, high performance and dedication in one of the areas indicated by the scholarship awards. In your essay, please tell us how your life experience, academic efforts and professional activities reflect the achievements and values of those for whom the scholarship is named.

**All merit scholarship applications are due by April 15.**

Please note which scholarship you are applying for in the subject line and email your essay to:  
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## Descriptions of Available Merit Scholarships

### **1. The Barbara & Luna Leopold Award for Achievement in Field Science and Community Commitment**

Dr. Luna Leopold, recognized for his pioneering work in hydrology and stream science, was an important teacher and advisor to Teton Science Schools' faculty and students for years. He and his wife Barbara were active supporters of Teton Science Schools and important community members here in Wyoming.

### **2. The Ted and Joan Major Award for Achievement in Community Service and Education**

As the founders of Teton Science Schools, Ted and Joan demonstrated that with commitment and drive it is possible to turn a dream into reality. Both Ted and Joan dedicated their lives to ensuring that any student who came to Teton Science Schools would leave a different person, more committed to conservation and more determined to give something back. Their love for nature, science and hands-on learning changed many lives.

### **3. The Allen & Alice Stokes Award for Achievement in Environmental Education and Natural Science**

This scholarship recognizes the lifelong commitment of Professor Allen Stokes to teaching young and old about nature. Allen combined exceptional skills as a scientist with social concern and an unrivaled passion for education. He was an important mentor to Teton Science Schools' staff and students. His wife Alice was also a talented naturalist and artist.

### **4. The Olaus and Mardy Murie Award for Natural Science, Art, or Environmental Advocacy**

Olaus Murie, one of the premier American naturalists of the twentieth century, and his wife Mardy are recognized for their unflagging commitment to scientific research and conservation efforts. Olaus was also a wildlife artist whose sketches are a remarkable record of his field observations. Upon his death in 1963, Olaus was praised as the one individual who "best personified wilderness in our culture." Mardy was part of the founding board of Teton Science Schools and was instrumental in passing the Wilderness Act and creating the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

### **5. The Adolph and Louise Murie Award for Achievement in Natural Science and Wildlife Management**

Adolph was renowned for his extensive naturalist work researching wolves, grizzlies and coyotes in Alaska. Louise has dedicated years of service to conservation organizations in Jackson and to the Murie Center.

### **6. The Dave and Jane Love Award for Achievement in Earth Science, Education and Community Service**

Dave is noted for his fine work as a Wyoming geologist. Both he and his wife Jane demonstrated a lifelong devotion to education in the earth sciences and to community service.

**7. The Sibyl Wiancko Award for Environmental Action and Community Service**

Sibyl was very committed to a healthy planet for children to enjoy and inherit. This award recognizes graduate students whose actions have mirrored her commitment and energy.

**8. The Ted and Addie Donnan Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in the Nonprofit Community**

The Donnans have been extremely active in the nonprofit community of Jackson Hole, and have been involved with numerous organizations over the years. This award is for the graduate student who demonstrates significant contributions through community service.

**9. The Frank and John Craighead Award for Wildlife Research and Management**

The Craighead brothers made scientific breakthroughs in understanding wildlife biology and contributed greatly to wildlife management in the Greater Yellowstone Geoeosystem. This award was established to honor their contributions to science and the application of science in management decisions.

**10. The Teton Science Schools Award for Overall Life Achievement**

Teton Science Schools recognizes those students who have, through will power and determination, overcome difficult circumstances to achieve their goals.

**11. The Lauren Burns Award for Natural History Interpretation**

Lauren was a promising Teton Science Schools graduate student who died tragically in 2006, before graduation. Her family and Teton Science Schools established this award in her memory to assist those of similar potential who seek to integrate their love of wildlife and the outdoors into their professional careers, particularly in areas providing hands-on education and experiences for the general public.