Education

Montana Wildlife Federation and the Phil Tawney Hunters Conservation Endowment Board Offer Scholarships and Grants that Support Montana's Hunting, Wildlife, and Outdoor Heritage

The Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF) Endowment offers one-year grants of \$500-\$5,000 to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, as well as \$1,000 college scholarships.



Established in 1998, the Endowment honors the late Phil Tawney, a fourth generation Montanan, lifetime sportsman, and conservation leader. The Endowment's mission statement reflects Tawney's passion and commitment to protecting Montana's fish and wildlife, vulnerable habitat, and the future of hunting.

"To educate and inform the general public about hunting ethics, fair chase, and values to perpetuate the sport of the hunt through efforts to conserve habitat and wildlife; and to stimulate the recruitment, mentoring, and involvement of youth in hunting and conservation activities."

Land Tawney, Phil Tawney's son and Endowment Board Officer said, "My mother, Robin Tawney Nichols, and I are proud that the ethical hunting legacy my father felt so strongly about can be perpetuated by offering support for projects that show a similar commitment to our outdoor heritage. This is a way to help clubs offer a *'living legacy'* through conservation projects. By awarding such grants and scholarships during the past few years, the Endowment has made a significant contribution toward fostering a conservation ethic through the eyes of a hunter."

Grants

The Endowment seeks applicants that emphasize one or more of the following criteria.

- Interfaces hunting with wildlife management, especially issues that affect youth.
- Supports strategies that promote environmentally healthy wildlife habitat.
- Encourages public policy changes that improve conservation habitat.
- Promotes strategies that improve hunting ethics, fair chase, values, and safety.
- Stimulates the recruitment, mentoring, and involvement of youth in hunting and conservation activities.

Scholarships

The Endowment scholarships are given each year to Montana college students with an academic major in a field related to conservation, who exhibit a commitment to general public hunting ethics and fair chase, and who support values to perpetuate the sport of the hunt through efforts to conserve habitat and wildlife.

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Students can also contact college financial aid offices.

If you would like to contribute to the Phil Tawney Hunters Conservation Endowment, please contact MWF (above).