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Mesilla Valley Audubon Graduate Scholarship

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society (MVAS) is pleased to offer a one-year, \$750/per semester scholarship to a graduate student at New Mexico State University. The MVAS scholarship is available to graduate students in Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, Department of Biology, or the Geography Department. The recipient must attain a 3.5 GPA during the first semester (fall) of the scholarship in order to receive the \$750 for the second semester (spring). The recipient will be required to submit a record of their GPA for the first semester within one week of the beginning of the second semester.

The mission of MVAS is to be a “conservation and natural history organization in southern New Mexico that promotes appreciation and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and habitat through environmental education, issue advocacy, and natural history experiences.” MVAS requirements for consideration for this scholarship are:

1. A 3.5 undergraduate or graduate GPA (must provide a transcript—unofficial okay)
2. Write a 500-1000 word narrative explaining why you should receive this scholarship, to include but not limited to:
 - A description of your research.
 - A statement of how your research is related to the mission of MVAS - natural resource conservation (wildlife, fisheries, biology, habitats, etc.).
3. Include your name, address, phone number, and email address.
4. Award winners are expected to introduce themselves and receive the first check at the May meeting (and get a photo taken for the newsletter).
5. Recipients are also required to present their research to the MVAS during the regular meeting the following April (3rd Wednesday of the month).

If you have any questions please contact the scholarship committee:

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Applications should be emailed to all the committee members listed above with “MVAS scholarship application” in the subject line. Attach your essay and transcripts to the email. Applications will be accepted from 15 February until 15 March. A final decision will be made by 15 April and all candidates will be notified after that date.