

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES
Of the
WYOMING SECTION
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE

The Scholarship Committee is to select an annual recipient of the Range Management Scholarships given by the Wyoming Section.

STRUCTURE

The Section President will appoint the Chair. The Chair, with the concurrence of the President, will select members of a committee.

FUNCTION

1. To select from eligible applicants the annual recipient of the scholarships.
 - a. Eligibility.
 - b. Basis of Selection.

Duties of Committee Chair:

1. Responsible for collecting application forms and any additional essential information deemed necessary by the committee for selecting the recipient.
2. Responsible for notifying recipient that they have been awarded the scholarship. If the recipient does not accept the scholarship, the Chair must reconvene the committee to select another recipient, or if this was done in the original meeting, then must notify the second choice they have been granted a scholarship. If the second person does not accept the scholarship, the procedure will continue as stated above as long as there are applicants acceptable to the committee.
3. Responsible for keeping the Secretary-Treasurer informed as to who is the recipient of the scholarship and where and when to send the scholarship money.

Duties of Committee Members:

1. Responsible for notifying students that the scholarship is available and encourage them to apply.
2. Responsible for suggesting changes on basis of selection and Chair is responsible for obtaining permission for any change from Board of Directors.

3. Too work closely with and give support to Fund-Raising Committee.

Reports

The committee Chair is responsible for preparing a written report of activities and proposals for the summer and Annual meetings. Reports will be submitted to the President at least five (5) days prior to such meetings.

Meetings

The committee should meet once each year in the month of April to select the recipient for the coming school year. Other meetings of the committee may be necessary at the discretion of the Chair or President.

The Wyoming Range Management Scholarship

About the Scholarship

The Wyoming Range Management Scholarship fund was established in April 1953, by the Wyoming Section of the Society for Range Management, to help students acquire the art and science of the then newly emerging range management profession. The Wyoming fund was the first of its kind to be established among the various sections of the Society for Range Management. Originally established as a graduate scholarship, the fund now supports an annual award to a graduate and to an undergraduate student. Annual earnings from the endowment fund scholarship awards and only earned funds are expended. Awards are not be made for less than \$100; and, are not be made if there are no qualified applicants or if there are insufficient earnings.

Selection Criteria

- I. Undergraduate minimum qualifications:
 - A. Recipients must:
 1. Have completed 30 hours of course work.
 2. Be classified as a sophomore.
 3. Be enrolled at the UW the semester following receipt of a scholarship.
 4. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all undergraduate course work.
 5. Be a member of SRM.
 6. Submit a complete application.
- II. Graduate minimum qualifications:
 - A. Recipients must:
 1. Have a GPA of 3.50 in all graduate credit courses.
 2. Have completed one semester of full-time graduate course work.
 3. Be enrolled at the UW the semester following receipt of a scholarship.
 4. Be a member of SRM.
 5. Submit a complete application.

III. Selection criteria:

A. Recipients will:

1. Be actively pursuing a course of study in range management or in a related natural resource subject area with an emphasis on rangeland ecosystems.
2. Be actively involved in an UW club that encourages leadership and knowledge in the natural resources management field.
3. Have demonstrated an interest in range management by being involved in community service programs or in section activities. Any involvement in 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Range Camp, or Range Judging events should be described.

Administration

The section scholarship committee will be chaired by the Past-President of the Wyoming Section and will include two second-year Council Members and one member of the Department of Range Management faculty. The President may also appoint an at-large member. An announcement of the scholarship program will be distributed to all natural resource departments within the UW by 1 September of each year. Application forms are to be available in the Range Management Department office. Applications for the scholarship will be due to the department office 15 October of each academic year. Membership in the Society for Range Management will be determined using the October membership roster received from the Denver office or by, attaching SRM membership form and remittance to scholarship application. The committee chair, or appropriate designee, and one other member of the committee will review all applications and will remove those that do not meet the minimum criteria. The remaining applications will be sent to committee members and they will score them 1 - 5, with 5 being the best score, in each of the following: (a) academic, (b) letters of recommendation, and (c) demonstrated interest in range management. Demonstrated interest in range management will be based on activity in the Wyoming section, UW range club, and on community service activities. Scores will be weighted 40% academic, 25% letters of recommendation, and 35% demonstrated interest. Scored applications will be returned to the chair. The chair and a range department faculty member will review all applications, select and notify the applicants with the highest combined scores, and invite those persons to attend the Wyoming Section, Winter Technical Meeting to receive their scholarships. The chair will provide all committee members with the scores for each qualified applicant.

APPLICATION

WYOMING RANGE MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

College Enrolled: _____ Major: _____

Status (undergraduate/Graduate) _____

If Graduate Student List Research Topic _____

Member Wyoming Section, SRM? _____ Yes, How long _____

If joining at the time of scholarship application, attach SRM membership application and remittance to this form.

Academic advisor _____

Credit Hours Completed _____ GPA _____

Are you a member of the UW range club? If so describe your involvement in the club and offices held.

Have you attended youth range judging contests?

Have you attended a youth range camp?

Have you been involved in a SRM youth forum, or SRM student activities (range plant identification contest, undergraduate range management exam, student display, or student conclave)?

Have you been involved in any other activities that are related to rangeland management? Describe.

Describe in half-page typed your professional objectives and career goals.

Submit four copies of the form with attached documentation and letter(s) of recommendation (maximum of three) from the academic advisor (required), an instructor, and from a supervisor which is a natural resource manager professional. The advisor's letter must include your GPA and credit hours completed.

SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

Wyoming Section

February 5, 1995

Memorandum

To: Wyoming Section SRM Council.

From: 1994 Scholarship Committee Chair

Subject: 1994 Scholarship Committee Report

The revised Wyoming Section Scholarship guidelines were adopted on October 1, 1994 in Hot Springs, South Dakota. The guidelines (copy attached) were developed by Terry Booth and reviewed and approved by the Wyoming Section Council and University of Wyoming Range Department (UWRD) faculty members during September. These guidelines established the Past President as committee chair.

On December 1, 1994 at 4:00 p.m. the committee met at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Building in Casper, Wyoming to review applications and select the 1994 Wyoming Section SRM Scholarship recipients. Committee members present were Vern Phinney-SW Council, Faith Ryan-NE Council, Dick Hart-Member-at-Large, Dan Rodgers-UWRD, and John Likins-Past President.

The committee reviewed three applications: David G. Seward-Undergraduate, Wanda Orso-Graduate, and Richard W. Rockwell-Graduate. Complete copies of each of these applications are attached as required by the guidelines. Dan Rodgers noted that most of the students are still unaware of the scholarship application procedures and deadlines. He felt that next year there would be more applicants. A copy of the information that was posted regarding the scholarships is attached. Dan also reported there was \$381.00 available for the undergraduate and \$546.00 available for the graduate scholarships for 1994. The committee unanimously approved that each of the above applicants receives a \$250.00 scholarship.

On December 9, 1994 at the Holiday Inn in Laramie, Wyoming, Terry Booth, 1995 Section President, and Dan Rodgers presented the three scholarships to David G. Seward, Wanda Orso, and Richard W. Rockwell at the UWRD award banquet. The Dean and Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture; Bill Laycock, UWRD Head; and most of the UWRD faculty attended the banquet. Approximately 75 people were present to see the WY Section SRM Scholarships awarded. Hopefully, this exposure will increase the number of applications for 1995.

In summary, the 1994 Scholarship Committee made a good start on implementing the revised guidelines. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as 1994 committee chair.

/s/ JOHN C. LIKINS

5 - Attachments:

- 1 - Section Scholarship Guidelines
- 2 - David G. Seward Application
- 3 - Wanda Orso Application
- 4 - Richard W. Rockwell Application
- 5 - Scholarship Information & Application