

# Five Valleys Audubon Society

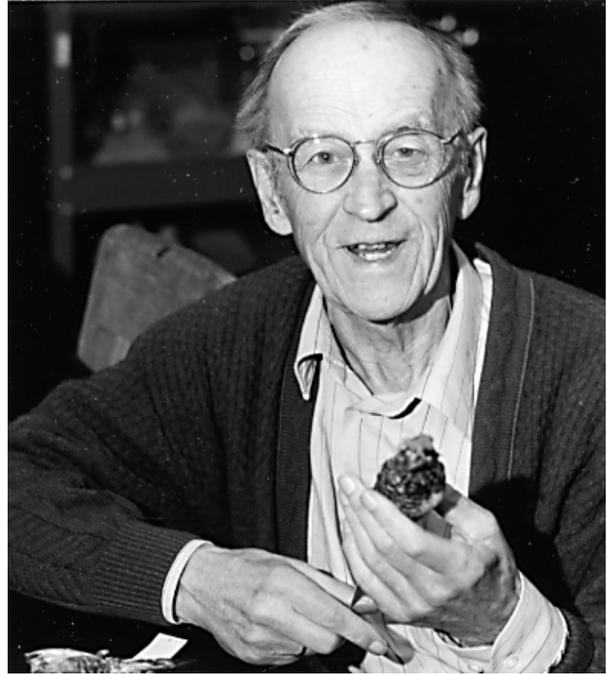
## Requests proposals for the

# Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Award

Philip L. Wright was a professor of zoology at the University of Montana who taught mammalogy and ornithology and established the zoological museum that bears his name. Dr. Wright's infectious enthusiasm and his passion for the natural world inspired thousands of students during his tenure and encouraged them in their research endeavors.

In remembrance of Dr. Wright and his contributions to science and the community, in 1998 the Five Valleys Audubon Society established the annual Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Awards. These awards provide support for continuing students undertaking research in the fields of ecology, wildlife biology, animal behavior, environmental biology, and conservation biology.

Research awards have been in the range of \$200 to \$1,000. Previous awards have gone to high school, university undergraduate, and graduate students. Preference is given to small projects to be completed in a few months. Accordingly, Ph.D research is excluded. Eligible expenses include 1) direct costs of travel, meals, and lodging, 2) consumable supplies and services used for the sole purpose of the project. Non-eligible expenses include wages and durable equipment (like binoculars) with a life longer than the project.



**Interested UM students should consult with Dr. Chad Bishop, Wildlife Biology Program, about the content of their application.**

**To apply for a 2017 award, please submit a brief proposal in the following format:**

- I. Title of proposed research. Date of proposal.
- II. Name of applicant, a proper mail address and phone number (**not a university department**), and e-mail address.
- III. Institution and status of the applicant (e.g. sophomore at the University of Montana, junior at Hellgate High, etc.)
- IV. Body of proposal (**no more than 3 pages**)
  - A. Statement of the problem or the question to be addressed (2-3 sentences).
  - B. Introduction and background (1/2 page).
  - C. Purpose of the proposed research (1-3 sentences).
  - D. Significance of the proposed research (1/2 page).
  - E. Methods and time frame (1/2 to 1 page).
  - F. Anticipated results (1/2 page).
  - G. Budget and Justification (1/2 page).
  - H. Current funding and/or anticipated funding specifically requested by applicant (1-2 sentences).
- V. Name, address, and phone number of an academic reference (teacher, faculty, or research advisor).
- VI. Brief résumé (**no more than 1/2 to 2/3 page**) with name of applicant, address, phone, e-mail.

**Successful applicants will be expected to provide a brief written research summary and make a short presentation at a monthly meeting of the Five Valleys Audubon Society early in 2018.**

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017, and awards will be announced in April. Please send applications to:

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