Biology Department Scholarships for Undergraduates

The Biology Department awards a number of scholarships to undergraduates each year. In addition to the specific criteria listed below, award decisions will be based on academic excellence and other accomplishments (e.g., community service, leadership, tutoring, honors or awards and involvement in research) and a demonstrated commitment to career goals.

Joy Bennin Jefferson Scholarship awardees may be in two categories, one for Microbiology majors who are currently a freshmen/sophomores and another for Biology or Microbiology majors of any rank. All applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Scott Ellington Memorial Scholarship awardees must be junior or senior Biology majors. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Donna and Bill Dehn Undergraduate Education Endowed Biology Scholarship awardees must be Biology or Microbiology majors with a GPA of at least 3.0 and demonstrated financial need. Preference given to first generation college attendees.

Hirschmann Memorial Scholarship awardees must be Biology majors on a pre-med track.

Eugene E. Staffeldt Memorial Scholarship awardees must be sophomore, junior, or senior Biology majors.

Dora Blossom Gile Memorial Scholarship awardees must be Biology majors. Applicants must be US citizens. Demonstrated financial need may be considered as a criterion.

David and Reta Warren Scholarship awardees must be on a pre-dental track.

Thomas and Marjorie Weems Scholarship awardees must be on a pre-med track.

All Applications Require:
1. Completion of a cover sheet (see last page of this document)
2. An original, signed letter of application letter that:
   - is addressed to the Biology Department Scholarship Committee
   - details your reasons for seeking the scholarship(s), your accomplishments, and your career goals.
   - is contained on a single sheet and no smaller than 12 pt font, although it may be printed on both sides
   - is your original composition
   - is signed in pen
3. An official or unofficial transcript (available from the registrar’s office)

Only a single copy of each is required even if you are being considered for multiple scholarships, but you must indicate which scholarships you want to be considered for on the cover sheet. All items must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the main Biology Department office (Foster Hall room 275) by the deadline.

Deadline to Submit Letter of Application: noon March 6, 2014

NOTE: Students are also encouraged to register at <scholarships.nmsu.edu> by March 3, 2014 to be eligible for other scholarships for 2014-15.
Application Cover Sheet

This completed form MUST accompany EVERY application for a Biology Department Scholarship.

Name of Applicant: ________________________________

Email address: ________________________________ Phone number: __________________

Major: ______________________________________

Current GPA: ________ NMSU ID: __________________

Current academic status (check one):

☐ Freshman ☐ Junior
☐ Sophomore ☐ Senior

Check the appropriate box to indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for.

☐ Joy Bennin Jefferson Scholarship

☐ For Microbiology majors (Fr/So)

☐ For Biology or Microbiology majors

☐ Eugene E. Staffeldt Memorial Scholarship

☐ Scott Ellington Memorial Scholarship

☐ Donna and Bill Dehn Undergraduate Education Endowed Biology Scholarship

☐ Hirschmann Memorial Scholarship

☐ Dora B. Gile Memorial Scholarship

☐ David and Reta Warren Scholarship

☐ Thomas and Marjorie Weems Scholarship

Signature of Applicant: __________________________ Date: __________________

Return this form, your letter of application, and transcripts as a stapled packet to the Biology Office main office, 275 Foster Hall, no later than noon, Thursday March 6, 2014.