

Arkansas Audubon Society Trust



Request for Proposals

The Arkansas Audubon Society Trust is now accepting applications for grants. The Trust funds research, education, and conservation projects. Our emphasis is on conservation of Arkansas bird species but we will consider other taxa and natural resource issues. We fund individuals, undergraduate and graduate students, nonprofits, and government agencies. The average award is \$500, and the maximum rarely exceeds \$1,200. Proposal guidelines are as follows.

- (1) Due date is Saturday September 26, 2020. Proposals will be reviewed at the AAS meeting on October 17, and applicants notified shortly thereafter.
- (2) Requests for funds should be presented in the form of a proposal limited to no more than 5 pages single-spaced, 12-pt. font, organized as follows: (a) Header (i.e. not a whole page) including project title, your name, affiliation, address, phone number, and e-mail; give an address where a check, made out to the applicant, can reach you and be deposited promptly. (b) A description of your project: introduction, objectives, methods, as applicable. (c) If you have previously received Trust funds for this project, briefly describe preliminary results and whether you are on track to meet your objectives. (d) Whether IACUC approval, permits, landowner permission, as applicable, have been obtained or applied for; if collecting specimens of species of conservation concern, justify your reason and state what impact this could have on the population. (e) Itemized budget. (f) Of the whole budget explicitly state the amount requested from the Trust, what the funds will be used for, and how those expenses are relevant to the project. (g) List the dollar amount and source of any support you have secured or that is pending, **including salary or stipend in the form of assistantships, fellowships, grants, etc;** if you don't have salary support, state that. For mileage, use the AR State rate of 42 cents/mile. Literature cited, tables, and figures are not included in the 5-page limit.
- (3) Separately provide a 1-page letter of support from your professor, supervisor, or a person familiar with you and your project.
- (4) We pay particular attention to objectives, study design, and methodology. They should be clear, sound, and realistic.
- (5) For projects outside the U.S., funding can be used only inside the US. For example, plane tickets – No; lodging or field assistants overseas – No; equipment purchased or lab analyses conducted in the US – Yes. Please include both foreign and domestic expenses in your budget.
- (6) Submit proposals in PDF or DOC form as an e-mail attachment to Dr. Dan Scheiman, AAS Trust Chair, at birddan@comcast.net in MS Word or PDF format. Mention "AAS Trust" in the subject line. If e-mail is not an option, a hard copy of your proposal and letter of support can be mailed to 219 Beechwood St., Little Rock, AR 72205 by the deadline.
- (7) If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt within 1 week of submission please call Dr. Scheiman at 501-366-0840.