

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION TODD FINK MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose of fund is to help research that will directly or indirectly benefit state threatened or endangered species of plants or animals.

Use of Funds

To help offset travel expenses (lodging, meals, operation of vehicle) directly associated with the student's graduate research; and for paying registration fees only to attend university approved professional and scientific conferences, workshops, or similar functions which will enhance the student's educational experience.

Requirements

To qualify, students must be enrolled in a graduate program in Plant Biology, Plant and Soil Sciences, Forestry, Zoology, or Biological Sciences and must be engaged in graduate research that will directly or indirectly benefit state threatened or endangered species of plants or animals.

Annual Stipend

A maximum of \$500 shall be made available from the fund annually in the form of a single \$500 stipend or two \$250 stipends. In a given year SIUC may recommend the issuance of a single \$500 stipend, two \$250 stipends, one \$250 stipend, or none at all, depending upon the need and the availability of qualified students. The annual stipend will be provided as long as funds are available for the annual grant.

Accountability

Students will be required to establish proof of enrollment prior to accepting the stipend and will agree to use the funds in accordance with the stated requirements. No other accounting shall be required excepting that which may be deemed necessary by the Graduate School and/or the various affected departments at SIUC.

