



Humboldt State University
RICHARD J. GUADAGNO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Academic Year 2008/2009



One \$1,000 Undergraduate Scholarship
One \$2,000 Graduate Scholarship

Richard (Rich) J. Guadagno
September 26, 1962- September 11, 2001

Rich worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 17 years and devoted his life to the conservation of natural resources. He was Refuge Manager of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge from March 12, 2000 to September 11, 2001. On September 11th, Rich's plane, United Airlines Flight 93, was hijacked by terrorists and crashed in rural Pennsylvania, killing everyone on board. Rich died as a hero on flight 93, and with the other passengers and crew prevented further tragedy at the cost of their lives. In an effort to sustain the legacy of Rich's commitment to resource conservation, a scholarship fund was created in his honor. These scholarships are made possible through the generous donations of many individuals who cared about Rich and matched by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an enrolled student (minimum of 6 units per semester) pursuing an undergraduate (juniors and seniors only) or graduate degree in natural resources and sciences major at Humboldt State University. Eligible Majors include: Biological Sciences, Botany, Chemistry, Computing Science, Environmental & Natural Resource Sciences, Environmental Resources Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Fisheries Biology, Forestry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Natural Resource Planning and Interpretation, Oceanography, Rangeland Resource Science, Watershed Management, Wildlife Management, and Zoology.
2. Must review PowerPoint presentation (.pdf file) of scholarship orientation, in lieu of mandatory on-site refuge orientation requirement in previous years. (*Visit Website: www.fws.gov/humboldt/bay*)
3. Must have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.50 (HSU and transfer courses, if applicable).
4. Financial need shall **NOT** be a consideration in awarding the scholarship.
5. Graduates must have project / thesis proposal reviewed by Major Advisor. Undergraduates must have senior thesis/independent study proposal reviewed by Major Advisor.
6. Preference will be given to students submitting proposals with potential to contribute to studies in the following locations, respectively: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Humboldt Bay and Associated Watersheds, Humboldt County, California, U.S.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Scholarships will be awarded based on a combination of the following five elements:

1. Submit an essay (1-2 pages, typewritten) addressing topics such as community service activities, personal conservation ethic, professional interest, and goals in the field of natural resources.
2. Submit a (2-3 page, typewritten) project proposal. *Include the following elements: Title, Introduction, Background, Proposed Research, Literature Cited, Tables or Figures. Also include a "Reviewed By" line for Major Advisor's signature.*

3. Submit resume.
4. Submit **copies of official transcripts**. *Please do not submit print-outs of long transcripts you can retrieve on-line.*
5. Submit two letters of recommendation from faculty, professionals in field, work supervisors, or others qualified to recommend candidate on the basis of: A) Overall character; B) How student has applied academic knowledge to real-life management or scientific issues; and C) Potential for growth and commitment to life-long profession of natural resource management / the sciences.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Selections will be made by a committee consisting of: two HSU faculty, two Refuge staff, one National Fish and Wildlife Foundation representative, one community representative, and one representative of the Guadagno family.
2. For academic year 2008/2009 scholarship awards will be announced and funds dispersed Spring 2009 Semester.
3. Previous winners of the scholarships are eligible for future awards.
4. Scholarship will not be awarded if no candidate meets the criteria.
5. Scholarship recipients will be required to submit a copy of final report or written scientific thesis / paper to the Refuge. (*Scientific Journal Style, i.e., JWM, NAFM, etc.*)
6. Note: Graduate students are strongly encouraged to submit thesis / project for professional publication(s).

DEADLINE: Application package must be RECEIVED by December 01, 2008.

**SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO: HUMBOLDT BAY NWR, P.O. BOX 576, LOLETA, CA 95551.
Attn: Shannon Smith.**

FOR QUESTIONS / MORE INFO CONTACT SHANNON SMITH VIA EMAIL: shannon_smith@fws.gov