



## AWARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this form, please read *all* instructions on page 2 and save the form to your computer or storage device. Changes made to the online version of the form will *not* be saved once you exit this page.

## GRANT SUBMISSION

Once completed, please email this application and the required attachments to [csawards@awionline.org](mailto:csawards@awionline.org). Please use “CS Award Application 2019” in the subject line of the email. Applications are due **May 6, 2019**.

Questions about this grant program or the application should be directed to [csawards@awionline.org](mailto:csawards@awionline.org).

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*The numbers below correspond to the questions in the application form*

2. Concisely state the issue you're investigating, how you intend to investigate it, and how the results will benefit wildlife.
3. Study Description
  - a. Specific objectives: Clearly describe each hypothesis or objective.
  - b. Species: Please use common names wherever possible.
  - c. Location: Specify the location of the study. AWI will only fund studies that are conducted in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
  - d. Methods: Clearly and concisely state the methods you will use to accomplish each of your specific study aims. Remember, your proposal may be reviewed by people unfamiliar with your research, so it is important to provide a clear explanation.
4. This is your opportunity to describe how your study will benefit animals. Describe why your method will address the issue you're investigating and how it may replace or improve upon methods currently in use.
5. For purposes of this application, invasive procedures refer to anything beyond simply holding the animal. If yes, please provide a description of the procedures and what steps will be taken to minimize harm to animals. Some examples of invasive procedures (not inclusive):
  - Capturing birds or bats in a mist net
  - Taking a biopsy from any part of the animal
  - Tattooing or otherwise permanently marking the animals (does not include leg banding or ear tags, although these must still be described)
  - Disrupting a nest or den
  - Collecting blood, bodily fluid, or tissue samples
  - Any surgical procedure
  - Insertion of a microchip or other monitoring deviceYour proposal will not be automatically disqualified if it involves a minimally invasive procedure; however, it will receive additional scrutiny. Studies using more than minimally invasive procedures will not be considered for funding. If you have questions about the invasiveness of your procedures or are uncertain if your procedure would qualify as minimally invasive, please contact [csawards@awionline.org](mailto:csawards@awionline.org). Any wildlife captured for the proposed study must be released as soon as possible at their capture location.
6. All companion animals must come from reputable sources; be given appropriate food, housing, and companionship during the study; and be provided with the long-term care, including adoption by caring persons, at the conclusion of the study.
7. AWI Policy does not allow for funds to be used for indirect costs. Salaries or stipends may be included in the budget. Purchase of animals is only allowed if the requirements noted in instruction 6 are fulfilled. Allocating a portion of your budget for travel to attend meetings to present your study results is allowed and encouraged.
8. In most cases, the Christine Stevens Wildlife Award will only cover a portion of the costs of a study. In such cases, describe other source(s) and amount(s) of funds that are to be used for this study.

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## STUDY/PROJECT INFORMATION

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1. Study Title

2. Study Abstract (*no more than 1,500 characters*)

3. Describe your study, including the specific aims, species, location, methodologies to be used, and how you will analyze your data. (*no more than 7,500 characters*)

4. How will your study address the goals of the Christine Stevens Wildlife Awards (i.e., to humanely address wildlife conflicts or develop humane techniques to study wildlife) and why is it innovative? (*no more than 1,800 characters*)

5. Will your study involve the capture, handling, harassment of, or the use of any invasive procedures on target or nontarget species? (*no more than 1,500 characters*)

6. If your study includes the use of companion animals (e.g., scent detection dogs, guard animals, etc.), describe the source of the animals; the care to be provided to the animals before, during, and after the study ends; and the disposition of the animals at the conclusion of the study. (*no more than 1,500 characters*)

7. Provide a detailed budget.

8. Identify other funds committed to this study and the source of the funds.

9. Please attach your resume/curriculum vitae when emailing this completed PDF.

10. Please attach a letter of support/recommendation when emailing this completed PDF.