

The Christine Stevens Wildlife Awards

Deadline for Applications:
May 30, 2014



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Grants available for innovative strategies for humane, non-lethal wildlife conflict management and improved methods of wildlife study

The Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) is now accepting applications for its 2014 Christine Stevens Wildlife Awards. This award program, named in honor of the organization's late founder and president for over 50 years, provides grants of up to \$10,000 to award recipients to help spur innovative and creative research on humane, non-lethal tools and techniques for wildlife conflict management and improve methods of wildlife study.

Habitat destruction and degradation, urban and suburban sprawl, and ongoing challenges posed by invasive species make conflicts between wildlife and humans inevitable. Homeowners, property managers, and biologists need effective strategies to deal with conflicts—whether the encounter involves coyotes, deer, Canada geese, bears, exotic species, or a host of other animals. Scientists also need new tools to non-invasively study wildlife.

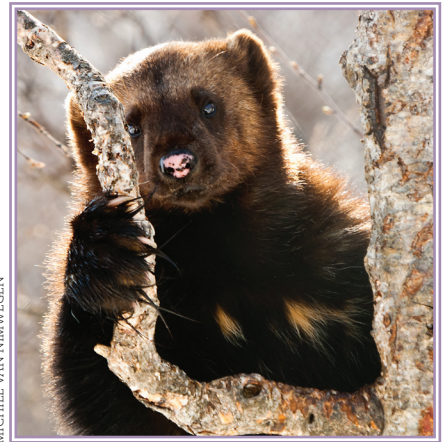
The Christine Stevens Wildlife Awards are intended to stimulate and support efforts to discover new techniques, test existing products, and devise new strategies to humanely remedy wildlife conflicts and to improve methods of wildlife study. With this award program we aim to honor Mrs. Stevens' legacy and inspire and support a new generation of compassionate wildlife scientists, managers and advocates.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An online application form can be accessed at www.awionline.org/csaward. The form allows applicants to attach the required Curriculum Vitae, letter of support, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval or similar document (if applicable and when available), and an optional bibliography. To qualify for the award, applicants must be based in and the project/study must be conducted in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. Only fully completed applications meeting the eligibility criteria and submitted by the May 30, 2014 deadline will be considered for an award. Previous award winners do not qualify for a new award for the same study.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Award recipients are required to submit an annual report (if a multi-year project) and a final report to AWI summarizing research results.
- Award recipients must agree to submit a 500-word summary of their research project as part of their annual report, including photographs, within one year of receipt of the award, for potential publication in the *AWI Quarterly* magazine.
- Award funds will be distributed in two segments; \$8,000 upon selection of award-winning applications with the remainder allocated upon receipt of the research project summary.
- AWI policy is that no award funds can be used for indirect costs.
- If your proposal involves the use of domestic or wild animals (e.g., scent detection dogs; guard animals such as dogs, burros, llamas) additional information is required on the source and short- and long-term care of the animals.
- For study/project proposals that require IACUC approval (or similar approvals for educational institutions in Canada or Mexico), the relevant approval document must be submitted to AWI before the proposal will be considered for an award.
- For examples of successful applications and to review *AWI Quarterly* articles written by past recipients, visit www.awionline.org/csaward.
- If you have questions about the Christine Stevens Wildlife Award, eligibility requirements, and/or the online application, please contact DJ. Schubert at (609) 601-2875 or via email at dj@awionline.org.

CHRISTINE STEVENS

Christine Stevens has long been known as the “Mother of the Animal Protection Movement.” For over half a century, she dedicated her life to reducing animal suffering. In the words of Dr. Jane Goodall: “Christine Stevens was a giant voice for animal welfare. Passionate, yet always reasoned, she took up one cause

after another and she never gave up. Millions of animals are better off because of Christine’s quiet and very effective advocacy.”

Mrs. Stevens founded the Animal Welfare Institute to end the cruel treatment of animals in experimental laboratories. Inevitably, her work expanded to take on other animal welfare issues, including animal extinctions, factory farms, steel jaw leghold traps, commercial whaling, the killing of great apes for bushmeat, and much more. Mrs. Stevens supported wildlife management programs that were “win-win” situations—such as highway underpasses to facilitate wildlife movements, wildlife birth control, beaver bafflers to minimize or prevent beaver-caused flooding, and perching platforms that protect raptors from electrocution.

ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

Since 1951, the Animal Welfare Institute, a non-profit charitable organization, has been dedicated to alleviating suffering inflicted on animals by humans. Through engagement with policymakers, scientists, industry and the public, AWI seeks to:

- Abolish factory farms, support high-welfare family farms, and eliminate inhumane slaughter methods for animals raised for food;
- Improve the housing and handling of animals in research, and encourage the development and implementation of alternatives to experimentation on live animals;
- End the use of steel-jaw leghold traps and reform other brutal methods of capturing and killing wildlife;
- Preserve species threatened with extinction, and protect wildlife from harmful exploitation and destruction of critical habitat;
- Protect companion animals from cruelty and violence, including appalling conditions in commercial trade; and
- Prevent injury and death of animals caused by harsh transport conditions.

For more information on our aims and programs, please visit www.awionline.org.



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