Scholarships

The Berryman Institute (BI) annually provides scholarships to undergraduate students nationwide who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in human–wildlife conflict management or wildlife damage management. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will again be awarded.

Apply for a 2017 scholarship

To apply for a 2017 scholarship, e-mail application materials to Terry Messmer (terry.messmer@usu.edu). Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2017 to May 1, 2017. The application e-mail must include: Name, Mailing Address, Telephone and Email, University Attending, and Major Advisor and their contact information. Materials to attach to the e-mail application include: 1) Current resume, including GPA and courses studied, and 2) A personal statement of your interests in Human–Wildlife Conflict Management or Wildlife Damage Management. Scholarship awardees will be asked to provide a photo and a paragraph biography for the Berryman Institute website and publication in Human–Wildlife Interactions.

2016 Berryman Institute Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients

Jason Matthews is a senior wildlife biology student at Murray State University, where he serves as the second-term president of the Murray State University chapter of The Wildlife Society. He is currently evaluating the usefulness of techniques to determine molecular and morphological differences between wild and domestic hogs for law enforcement officials. When not in school, Jason works as a Pathways Intern at Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge in Benton, Kentucky. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and trapping all species of game, as well as fly fishing. After graduation, Jason hopes to pursue a master’s degree in wildlife biology. Additionally, he hopes to increase positive public views of wildlife by involving them in management and citizen science activities and reducing their negative interactions with wildlife.

Rebecca Nishida is a senior pursuing an undergraduate degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at North Carolina State University. Her degree concentration is in Conservation Biology. She has had the opportunity to explore diverse topics in conservation within her degree program, including Human Dimensions of Wildlife Science, Geographic Information Systems, and International Wildlife Management. Her career goal is to help communities in developing countries build capacity for community-based wildlife research and management. She aspires to help communities mitigate human–wildlife conflict to ensure long-term conservation of species and the well-being of communities of people.