

Environmental Programs Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

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The Environmental Program offers several fellowships and scholarships for Environmental Science and Environmental Studies majors. This document provides an overview of the fellowships and scholarships available and how to prepare your application.

Awards Available

Dalton Undergraduate Scholarship

The scholarship is made possible by the vision and generosity of Harry and Becca Dalton to support the students committed to investigation of environmental issues and the promotion of environmental responsibility and sustainability. This scholarship is designed for rising juniors or seniors who are environmental science or studies majors.

Award amount: up to \$3,000

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed at least 45 undergraduate hours at time of application.
- Applicants must have completed at least 9 hours in the Environmental Science or Environmental Studies major by the time the award begins.
- Applicants must have completed ENVS 101 and ENVS 220 by the time the award begins.
- Students are expected to graduate from Winthrop with an Environmental Science or Environmental Studies degree.

Criteria

- Academic merit and/or financial need will be considered.

Lily Fuller Moredock Scholarship

The Lilly Fuller Moredock Scholarship can be used for scholarships and/or to fund student travel for study abroad, or to present research at conferences. This award may be split between multiple recipients, and some may be set aside specifically to fund student travel.

Approximately \$3,000 is available to Environmental Science or Environmental Studies majors each year.

Award amount: \$3,000

Eligibility

- Applicants must have completed at least 45 undergraduate hours at time of application.
- Applicants must have completed at least 9 hours in the Environmental Science or Environmental Studies major by the time the award begins.
- Applicants must have completed ENVS 101 and ENVS 220 by the time the award begins.
- Applicants must be majoring in Environmental Science or Environmental Studies.

Margaret E. Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship

This award is designed for rising juniors or seniors to conduct substantive summer projects (research, service, internship, or similar) that will help them become experts in their subject areas or gain experience working in an environmental field. These awards are available to both Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies majors, so long as they are conducting a project in conjunction with a faculty member on an environmentally relevant topic.

Applications are typically due in the Spring.

Students should work with a faculty mentor when preparing their application. Applicants for the Spencer Fellowship are asked to provide a description of the project that will be carried out and a budget outlining how the award will be spent. See below for application questions and guidelines on preparing a budget.

Award amount: stipend of up to \$3,000 for 8 weeks + up to \$500 for supplies

Eligibility

- Applicants must be majoring in Environmental Science or Environmental Studies.

Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC) Legacy of Learning Scholarship

The Water Environment Association of South Carolina supports wastewater professionals in protecting and preserving the water environment of South Carolina.

Award amount: \$2,000

Eligibility

- Applicants must be pursuing an Environmental Science or Environmental Studies degree
- Applicants must be residents of South Carolina
- Applicants must be enrolled in at least 5 hours with a 3.0 GPA or higher at Winthrop.

Criteria

- Preference is given to descendants of WEASC members.

Application Requirements

To apply for **any** of the Environmental Program fellowships, scholarships, or awards, you will need to submit a completed application that includes:

1. Application questions (provided below).
2. Financial award history from Wingspan (a screenshot is fine).
3. Unofficial transcript (available in Wingspan).
4. Faculty reference writer. Applicants should identify a Winthrop faculty member that can speak to their qualifications and interests. Faculty reference writers are expected to submit a recommendation letter (approximately 100-500 words) directly to Dr. Scott Werts at [wertss@winthrop.edu](mailto:werts@winthrop.edu).
5. Budget and budget justification (Margaret E. Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship applicants only).

We recommend that you have all your materials prepared before you begin your application.

Required of all applicants

Applicant information

Contact information, major, minor(s) (if applicable), expected graduation date, earned credit hours, GPA.

Name of faculty reference writer

Qualifications

- Why are you committed to majoring / a career in environmental sciences or environmental studies? (100-200 words)
- What do you hope to learn in your studies? (100-200 words)
- What contributions do you hope to make to your field after completing your degree? (100-200 words)
- What organizations or community activities have you participated in at Winthrop? For each, briefly describe your role.
- If you want financial need to be considered, please explain. (e.g., Are you paying for college on your own? Any financial hardships?) (100 words max, if applicable)

Award-specific questions

The following questions are required to apply for specific awards.

Lily Fuller Moredock Scholarship

- If you plan to use Moredock funds to help cover costs travel (including study abroad, academic conference presentations, or undergraduate research), please describe those academic travel plans (100 words).

Margaret E. Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship

- Title / topic of your planned project or internship.
- Organization and location of your planned project or internship. (e.g., South Carolina Wildlife Federation - Columbia, SC)
- Name and contact information for your faculty sponsor, project supervisor, or internship supervisor.
- Length and specified dates of project (e.g. 8 weeks, June 1-July 30).
- Estimated number of hours per week.
- Describe the project, issue, problem, and/or hypothesis; the methods to be used / work to be done; and the potential implications / impact of your planned project (200-500 words)
- Describe the coursework, research, or other experiences that have prepared you for this project. (100-300 words)
- How will you benefit academically and/or professionally from this project? (100-300 words)
- Budget and justification. *See below for additional guidance.*
- Do you agree to meet the following requirements of the Spencer Fellowship after the project is completed?
 - Enroll in and complete courses at Winthrop in the fall semester
 - Submit a 300–500-word abstract summarizing the project
 - Speak to the ENVS 220 (Environmental Career Exploration) class the following fall semester
 - Participate in some form of public presentation of your project (such as poster presentation at SURE or oral presentation to a community group)

Preparing your budget

Applicants for the Spencer Summer Undergraduate Fellowship must submit a budget. The budget should include the requested stipend, and any supplies needed to complete the project. Stipends are paid at \$10/hour for a maximum of \$3,000. To calculate your stipend, multiply the number of hours you expect to work per week by the number of weeks of your project, then multiply the total hours by \$10. If you are requesting funds for supplies, provide an itemized list of supplies along with their cost. You may request a maximum of \$500 in supplies.

Two example budgets are provided here as a model. You are encouraged to develop your budget with the guidance of your faculty mentor

Sample Budget 1

Stipend: 40 hours/week for 5 weeks @ \$10/hour = \$2,000

Supplies:

- TesTab® Water Investigation Kit = \$361.23
- Bogg boots = \$75.00
- **Total = \$436.23**

Sample Budget 2

Stipend: 35 hours/week for 8 weeks @ \$10/hour = \$2,800

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- Are you the child or grandchild of a WEASC member?
- If yes, what is the name of that WEASC member?