David A. Bischel
Forestry Scholarship

2020 Application Form

Introduction

This scholarship is to honor the memory of David Bischel. Dave was a graduate of UC Berkeley and a Registered Professional Forester. He started his career as field forester for the Fibreboard Corporation in the Truckee area. He later became forestry manager for the Southern Pacific Land Company in the Mt. Shasta area. He became the Executive Officer for the Foresters Licensing program and was later promoted to the position of Executive Officer of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. In this role Dave worked with the Board during the development of significant changes to the Forest Practice Rules focused on water quality and protection of fish and wildlife. Dave became the Calforests President in 1995. He retired from CFA in 2017 after 22 years of service. During his career Dave was a staunch advocate for active forest management and promoted sound forest practices in many forums including as past president of the California Licensed Foresters Association, forestry tours with policy makers, legislative panels, and in front of regulatory Boards and Commissions. He was also very active in his local community. Dave passed away on April 25, 2019. To honor Dave Bischel's contributions and commitment to the forest sector, The Forest Foundation and the California Forestry Association are collaborating to provide the David A. Bischel Forestry Scholarship Program in his memory. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who embodies Dave’s zest for forestry and active management to promote sound forest principles.

Eligibility

Students who are entering their junior year, are seniors, or are graduate students in a forestry program at UC Berkeley, CalPoly San Luis Obispo, or Humboldt State University are eligible to apply.

Description of Scholarship

One or more awards of at least $2,500 each will be made for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2020. Applications are due March 30, 2020. Screening will be conducted during April and awards will be announced in May. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, or enrollment in a degree related and accredited summer learning program.

Application Process

Complete the attached form with answers to the essay questions. Provide a copy of your current transcript showing university classes completed and grades achieved. Applications can be emailed to: jann@calforestfoundation.org or mailed to The Forest Foundation, Attn: Bischel Scholarship Committee, 1215 K Street, Suite 1835, Sacramento, CA 95814. Applications must be received by March 30, 2020.
Applicant’s Full Name: ________________________________________
Mailing Address: _____________________________________________
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Email Address: _______________________________________________
Cell Phone Number: ___________________________________________
Alternate Phone Number: _______________________________________
University Attending: ___________________________________________
Degree Sought and Date Anticipated: ______________________________

- Please have one letter of recommendation sent directly to The Forest Foundation.
- Please provide a copy of your current transcript (can be unofficial) showing university classes completed and grades achieved.
- Optionally at your discretion, you may provide a current photograph.

Please answer each of the following questions. Each answer should be 150 words or less. Type using a minimum 12-point font.

1. Please describe why you are pursuing a degree in forestry. What are your career goals?

2. What are the opportunities to improve forest management in California?

3. Discuss your efforts at community involvement describing activities, organizations or programs that have enriched your community, school, family, church, political party, or a charitable cause.

4. Describe your involvement in extra-curricular activities including participation in clubs, athletic interests, or fraternal organizations. List organizations where you have been or are a member and identify any leadership roles in those organizations.

5. Is there anything further you would like to add that will help the screening committee consider your application?

I hereby certify that statements made in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature        Date