Mary Bancroft Memorial Scholarship Application

The Kansas Native Plant Society is accepting applications for a $1,000 scholarship in support of graduate student research that enhances our understanding of native plant species or their ecosystems and conservation. This scholarship is open to all graduate students regularly enrolled in a Kansas college or university. Proposals must be technically sound and directly applicable to our priorities in Kansas.

The scholarship honors the late Mary A. Bancroft, a long-time member and supporter of KNPS from Ottawa, Kansas. This scholarship was established in 1998.

Date: ___________________________
Name: ___________________________
University or College: ___________________________
Academic Department: ___________________________
University Address: ___________________________
University Phone: (______)_________ E-Mail Address: ___________________________
Home Address: ___________________________
Home Phone: (_______)_________ E-Mail Address: ___________________________
Academic Status: __Undergraduate ___Masters ___Ph.D.
Major: ___Biology ___Taxonomy/Floristics ___Plant Ecology ___Plant Physiology/Cell Biology
Undergraduate GPA: Overall ________ In Major ________
Title of Research Project: __________________________________________
Advisor’s Name: __________________________________________
Advisor’s Phone: (_______)_________ E-Mail Address: ___________________________
List of Plant Related Courses Taken: __________________________
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Instructions

A complete proposal would include the application form, a project description (not to exceed 5 pages, double spaced), a time line, a detailed budget, and two letters of support from the student’s major professor and/or advisors. A separate statement of your interest in botany and your career goals and copies of your college/university transcripts are also required.

**Project Description:** Significance of proposed work, objectives, methods and materials, design and analysis, outcomes (double spaced/12 point type).

**Time Line:** When will the project start, what milestones will be set, when will objectives be met.

**Budget:** Identify how the funds will be used. As a scholarship award, the money may be used for tuition, research, or a combination thereof. Proposals will be assessed based on the merits of the proposed project and how well they fit the objectives of the scholarship. The budget will not be used as a basis for assessing or ranking proposals.

**Letters of Support (2):** Each not to exceed one page; one must be from the Graduate Advisor.

**Career Goals:** Where do you hope to be in your future career.

Please note that reviewers will consist of scientists and non-scientists, so keep your narrative readable to a wide audience. The KNPS Awards Committee will review applications and announce results in mid-April. **Awardees will receive recognition at the KNPS Fall annual meeting.** Successful applicants will agree to include the following acknowledgement in all publications resulting from research supported under this program: "The Kansas Native Plant Society provided partial support for this work."

Send two copies of the proposal to:

Kansas Native Plant Society  
R.L. McGregor Herbarium  
2045 Constant Avenue  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, KS 66047-3729

The deadline for receipt of proposals is March 15.  
Award recipients will be notified by April 15.