



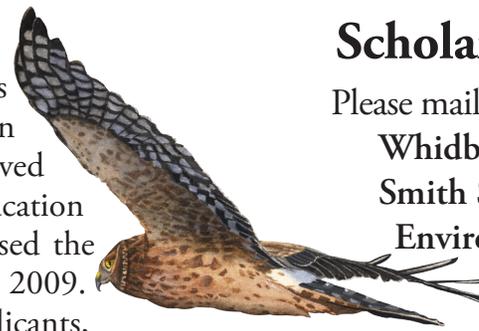
Scholarships to Promote Island Stewardship

WHIDBEY AUDUBON SOCIETY was organized for educational and scientific purposes, and is dedicated to promoting the understanding, appreciation and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats on Whidbey Island and in surrounding waters. One way Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) achieves this goal is by offering scholarships to Whidbey Island high school students who plan to pursue a career in conservation and environmental studies. The scholarships are funded by generous individual donations and community support of our fundraising events, including our annual May Birdathon, a one-day challenge to sight the most bird species.

Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Scholarship for Conservation/Environmental Studies was established to emphasize the importance of involving and supporting our younger generations in the stewardship needed to preserve island wildlife and habitats.

Who Was Renee?

The late Renee Smith was an active Whidbey Audubon Society member, who served on the board and the education committee. She first proposed the scholarship program in 2009. As of 2018, of 45 applicants, 20 scholarships have been granted totalling almost \$25,000.



Launching Our Next Generation of Conservationists

Some scholarship recipients, who have fledged to pursue their environmental studies, are:

BREE DAIGNEAULT, a 2017 Coupeville High School graduate, enrolled in the Marine Biology Program at Western Washington University with an emphasis in public relations/communications. She wants to work with an environmental agency such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).



AENGUS DUBENDORF, a 2018 South Whidbey High School graduate was an accomplished leader in high school, including environmental activities. He is attending Washington State University, majoring in natural resource policy/pre-law with the intention of becoming an environmental lawyer.

OLIVA FLACK, a 2018 Oak Harbor High School graduate, was an environmentally-impassioned volunteer in high school with elementary school students. She now attends Western Washington University's Honors Program in environmental policy.

Scholarship Donation Form

Please mail your donation with this form to:
Whidbey Audubon Society Renee
Smith Scholarship for Conservation/
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P.O. Box 1012
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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Northern Harrier, female, top;
Oregon Junco, left and
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