

Terry and Barbara Lydell
Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society Scholarship
2026 Application Guidelines

Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society (MPCS) is accepting applications for two \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to undergraduate college students pursuing a degree in wildlife sciences, natural resource management or a closely related field (e.g., environmental science, ecology, forestry, fisheries management, conservation biology). These scholarships honor Terry and Barbara Lydell, devoted supporters of MPCS and conservation in Minnesota. Terry was a long-time board member of MPCS, and the original champion of this scholarship.

Applicants must have completed at least three semesters (or the equivalent in trimesters/quarters) and achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

The recipients will be chosen based on: A) academic achievement, B) community involvement, C) a 250 – 500 word essay describing their educational & career goals, and D) at least one letter of reference from an employer, professor, or school counselor.

References should address, among other things, why they feel the applicant is likely to succeed in a natural resource conservation profession.

Preference will be given to Minnesota residents and applicants who have worked or volunteered for an agency or organization in the wildlife sciences, conservation, environmental or natural resource fields.

The scholarship selection committee will be comprised of at least three members of the MPCS Board. Successful selection will be announced to the student, college professor and the local area newspaper. The winning candidate will be invited to the MPCS Annual Meeting to be held on April 18 in Twin Valley, MN.

Scholarship application forms are available at the MPCS website: <https://www.prairiechickens.org/mpcs-scholarship-application> and completed applications should be returned to: saravacek5@gmail.com, no later than March 25, 2025.

Payment of scholarship will be made upon successful completion of the current semester or equivalent with proof from the institution of the student's enrollment. Payment will be made directly to the student. Previous applicants may reapply for a following year scholarship when the new scholarship guidelines are released.

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Application Due March 25, 2026

APPLICANT NAME: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING: _____

SEMESTERS COMPLETED: _____ GPA: _____

PLANNED MAJOR: _____

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT PROFESSOR: _____

PROFESSOR'S EMAIL/PHONE: _____

Please complete the following. Be as specific as possible. If you need more space, attach an additional sheet of paper.

SCHOOL CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES:

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS/EXPERIENCES:

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

EDUCATIONAL & CAREER GOALS: Please attach an essay of 250 – 500 words describing your future educational & career goals and why you need this natural resource scholarship.

TRANSCRIPT: Please attach a current college transcript (unofficial is fine)

REFERENCES: Please attach at least one letter of reference from an employer, teacher, or school counselor, who can address, among other things, why they feel you would succeed in the wildlife science, natural resource management, or similar field.