

**The Annual  
George J. Wallace and Martha C. Wallace  
Endowed Scholarship Award**

Department of Zoology  
Michigan State University  
A Graduate Student Award

Deadline: Second Monday in February by 5 p.m.

**George J. Wallace**

From boyhood on a Vermont farm through a long and distinguished career at Michigan State University and retirement in northern Michigan as Professor Emeritus of Zoology, George John Wallace, Ph.D., Sc.D., retained his love of nature, especially birds.

His autobiography, *My World of Birds*, is, Dr. Wallace wrote,

"the story of my lifelong experiences with birds - boyhood's ceaseless quest for new species, academic training during the university years, nearly half a century trying to instill acquired knowledge into others, and travels to far off places to seek more background. Birds have been my main obsession. I ultimately settled down to a career in teaching and research in ornithology. I have never regretted it."

A nationally-known scholar, researcher, writer, conservationist, and educator, Dr. Wallace built a strong graduate program in ornithology at Michigan State. Martha Cooper Wallace, his devoted wife, provided valuable assistance and support. This scholarship is dedicated to help continue and strengthen the strong ornithological program that Dr. Wallace began.

## Scholarship Information

The Department of Integrative Biology is pleased to announce the competition for the annual award of the George J. Wallace and Martha C. Wallace scholarship. This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated:

1. the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals,
2. the motivation to achieve these goals, and
3. the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

The applicants should be graduate level students (in exceptional cases, advanced undergraduate students will be considered), have an exceptional academic record, and be pursuing a Master's or Doctoral research program in Ornithology. Preference will be given to specialties in behavioral, ecological or systematic research on birds.

Application information and materials are attached below.

For questions regarding this form, contact:

Dr. Catherine Lindell  
Chair, Wallace Scholarship Committee  
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**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE**  
**GEORGE J. WALLACE**  
**and**  
**MARTHA C. WALLACE**  
**ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

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This scholarship is for graduate students pursuing a Master's or Ph.D. degree at Michigan State University. The primary focus of the applicant's research must be Ornithology with a specific focus in behavior, ecology, or systematics. Applicants must be enrolled at MSU in the fall term following submission of their application materials to be eligible. Please submit one PDF file with all the information requested below to Catherine Lindell at [lindellc@msu.edu](mailto:lindellc@msu.edu).

Name

Date

Addresss

Phone \_

Email

Year in Graduate Program

Department

Thesis Topic or Title

If you are a Ph.D. candidate, have you taken your preliminary exams (yes) (no)?

The names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of your three letter writers.

1. a list of upper division and graduate courses taken as part of your undergraduate and graduate programs. Place in parentheses the grade you received.
2. an essay, no more than three double-spaced pages, with the first page dedicated to your personal dedication to the aspect of Ornithology you have selected for study, and the last two pages describing the significance of your thesis research. The last paragraph of the essay should describe how your research ties in with the tradition of George Wallace's work at MSU.
3. a curriculum vitae.

Please request letters of reference from three people who can judge your qualifications and dedication to the study of Ornithology. Have each letter writer send an electronic copy of their letter to Catherine Lindell, [lindellc@msu.edu](mailto:lindellc@msu.edu), by the application deadline.

Applications must be received by the deadline or they will not be considered.