

Sample Letter – from previous FSSF Grant winner (2006)

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Dear Mr. Arnold,

It was exciting to hear about the FFF/SEC grant. I am 32 years of age, and a senior pursuing a B.S. in Wildlife Management at Eastern Kentucky University. My GPA is 3.9 as a Wildlife Management major, and 3.45 overall (227 semester hours). I am submitting the materials requested to be considered for the FFF/SEC Fred Stevenson Scholarship Award.

I have been attending Eastern Kentucky University as a graduate student starting last summer. I am pursuing a M.S. in Biology, with a concentration in Aquatic Biology. I was particularly attracted to this trout project and Eastern Kentucky University because of my extreme interest in trout research and management. As an enthusiastic fisherman, I believe it is crucial that trout populations be managed and maintained for present and future generations. I believe this project is crucial to the continued preservation of the wonderful Kentucky trout fishery. Therefore, the FFF/SEC Fred Stevenson Scholarship Award would be very beneficial in helping to successfully complete this project, and to help obtain results that will enhance the trout industry in Kentucky.

My fisheries research experience involves a coordinated project with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Eastern Kentucky University. I performed a variety of duties including electroshocking, dip netting, gill netting, seining, handling, tagging, marking, measuring, weighing, and identification.

Working for the University of Tennessee as an elk technician, my elk capture and handling responsibilities included participation in elk immobilization, drawing up medications, giving injections, body measurements, monitoring vital signs, and placing radio collars on calves. Other duties included extensive radio tracking, which incorporated the use of GPS and topographic maps. Field camera setup and monitoring, elk stalking, and backcountry hiking were other duties I also performed. I received my certification with the Office of Aircraft Safety and was trained in aerial telemetry procedures. In addition, I performed extensive manual labor on vegetation exclosures.

Working for the University of Georgia as a deer technician, my responsibilities included radio telemetry, orienteering, and searching for dropped collars. In addition, I am very familiar with the flora of the region, and had experience with vegetation sampling. I also operated a 4-WD truck, entered data using Excel, and worked successfully as a team member.

During my four years in Washington State, (while in the military), I performed helicopter search and rescue missions, and served as quality assurance inspector. I worked independently and as a team member, and supervised as many as twelve personnel.

A strong work ethic is absolutely essential to being a quality wildlife professional. I have proven, as can be verified by my fisheries advisor, that I am not afraid of hard work. In addition to field research, I am also capable of performing well academically. As an undergraduate, my overall GPA is 3.45 (227 hours). However, my GPA for the last 2.5 years as a wildlife management student is **3.9**. I feel my research will be greatly benefited through the FFF/SEC grant. I anxiously await your decision.

Sincerely,  
Jason L. Fisher