



STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOTANY

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The Arkansas Native Plant Society (ANPS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the preservation, conservation, enjoyment, and study of the flora of Arkansas. Through fundraising activities and donations, ANPS sponsors the following awards to undergraduate and graduate students who wish to conduct research projects involving the native or naturalized flora of Arkansas or who show exceptional interest in acquiring a botanical education and pursuing botany as a career.

DELZIE DEMAREE RESEARCH GRANT

This grant honors the late Delzie Demaree, a nationally recognized Arkansas botanist who dedicated his life to teaching botany and studying the flora of Arkansas. These grants are awarded competitively to undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled in a college botany, biology, or closely related program in amounts up to **\$2000** for appropriate Arkansas botany or plant ecology related research projects.

To apply, complete the **Application Cover Sheet** and send it together with a **Letter** and **Project Proposal** explaining how this project relates to your educational and career goals. The proposal should include the title of the project, objectives, methods, detailed itemized budget, amount requested from ANPS, project period (with specific dates), plant collection permit number(s) (if applicable to your project), and significance of the project. Also, ask your academic advisor to send a **Letter of Support** directly to the Memorial Awards Officer. Students applying for a research grant will not be eligible for a scholarship in the same calendar year and will not be eligible for more than one research grant per academic classification (i.e., bachelor's student, master's student, Ph.D. student).

At the conclusion of the project, grant recipients should submit a **Project Summary** to the Memorial Awards Officer. This relatively brief summary should include information about the project and results, as well as a note on the significance and implications of the study. The summary will be printed in the ANPS newsletter, *Claytonia*, and posted on the ANPS website. The recipient is also strongly encouraged to attend an ANPS General Meeting, held in the spring and fall of each year, to present the results of the project to the general membership. Travel and lodging expenses for this trip would be covered by ANPS. To make arrangements, contact the Memorial Awards Officer.

AILEEN MCWILLIAM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship award honors the late Aileen McWilliam, named Arkansas's Outstanding Biology Teacher in 1965, a former member of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, noted author, and knowledgeable and ardent Arkansas naturalist. This scholarship, in remembrance of her devotion to the study of the Arkansas flora, is given annually to promising undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled in an Arkansas-based college botany, biology, or closely related program with a strong interest in botany as a career. Individual awards will be given in amounts up to **\$2000**.

To apply, complete the **Application Cover Sheet** and send it together with a **Letter** outlining your botanical interests. In the letter, please mention relevant courses you have taken or are planning to take, any extracurricular botany-related activities, and your educational and career goals. Also, ask an appropriate



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instructor or field supervisor to send a **Letter of Support** directly to the Memorial Awards Officer. Students applying for a scholarship will not be eligible for a research grant in the same calendar year and will not be eligible for more than one scholarship per academic classification (i.e., bachelor's student, master's student, Ph.D. student).

DELZIE DEMAREE RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- _____ Application Cover Sheet with your signature and your advisor's signature
- _____ Letter explaining how this project relates to your educational interests and career goals
- _____ Project Proposal that includes title of the project, objectives, methods, detailed itemized budget, amount requested from ANPS, project period with specific dates, plant collection permit number(s) (if applicable to your project), and significance of the project
- _____ Letter of Support sent separately from your academic advisor to the Memorial Awards Officer

AILEEN MCWILLIAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- _____ Application Cover Sheet
- _____ Letter describing your botanical interests, relevant courses you have taken or are planning to take, extracurricular botanical activities, and educational and career goals
- _____ Letter of Support sent separately from an appropriate instructor or field supervisor to the Memorial Awards Officer

The completed application must be received no later than April 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Email the application packet as a single PDF to the email address below (excluding the Letter of Support, which should be sent separately by your advisor or instructor to the same address, also by the application deadline).

Jennifer Ogle
Memorial Awards Officer
anps.memorialawards@gmail.com

Awardees will be notified by May 22, 2026 regarding research grant and scholarship award decisions.



RESEARCH GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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Date _____

Applicant name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School _____

Advisor's name _____

Advisor's email and phone _____

Applying for (check one): _____ Delzie Demaree Research Grant
_____ Aileen McWilliam Scholarship

For Delzie Demaree Research Grant Applications Only:

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Advisor's Certification: I certify that this project may be implemented as described and that funds for this project are not available through the regular university budget.

Advisor Signature: _____

Applicant's Certification: I certify that I will implement this project as described and that I will submit a project summary to the Memorial Awards Officer within four weeks of the project's completion. I also agree to either write an article for the society's bi-annual newsletter, *Claytonia*, or present a talk to the membership during a state meeting.

Applicant Signature: _____