

Last Chance Audubon Society- Carroll College Grant for 2019-2020

The Last Chance Audubon Society (LCAS) is pleased to announce an award of \$1000 to Carroll College student(S) in support of a research project or report that addresses the mission of Last Chance Audubon Society:

“Last Chance Audubon Society promotes understanding, respect and enjoyment of birds and the natural world through education, habitat protection and environmental advocacy”.

This could include topics such as, but not limited to: habitat protection, conservation, restoration and their impacts on avian and other wildlife species; consideration of events such as global warming, policies or technological changes and how their impacts could affect the Helena region.

Purpose: To encourage and support Carroll College student research efforts that directly address or have implications consistent with the LCAS mission statement. (More information is available at lastchanceaudubon.org). The research could either be primary or secondary or some combination of both. It can be a topic associated with a class, independent study, or other purpose or interest. The goal of this effort is to further the knowledge and understanding about needs and opportunities that affect the Helena geographic area.

Qualifications: Any enrolled Carroll College student interested in Environmental Science, Environmental Policy, Environmental Outreach/Interpretation, Communications, Political Science, Education, Health, Multi-Disciplinary Studies, or other disciplines that may be relevant can apply. Examples of types of projects or reports include, but are not limited to:

- An analysis and reporting of research findings involving field or other primary research techniques that add to the understanding of the Helena area
- A report of external or local area events or activities, using both primary and secondary research techniques that describe implications for this geographic area.
- A proposed program, policy or project that LCAS, and/or others in the community, might undertake that addresses LCAS’ mission statement.
- Some combination of any of these.

Note: The proposal should describe how it addresses the LCAS mission and how it is specific to or applicable to the Helena geographic area.

Application Process: Submit a description of your proposal no later than December 15, 2019 by email to carrollaward@lastchanceaudubon.org. Include in the description:

- Personal information:
 - Name
 - Phone and email contact information
 - Carroll major

- Name and contact information of faculty reference, and
- Any other pertinent personal information such as career plans, why you selected this topic, etc.
- Describe your topic and its relevance to the LCAS mission and the Helena geographic area
- Include or attach (no more than 2 single-spaced pages) a description of how you intend to undertake this research effort.
- The proposed time frame (beginning and end). **(Note: The 2019-2020 grant period includes the school year and the summer of 2020.)**
- A description of the anticipated final product

In addition, please provide a reference letter from a faculty member who is familiar with your topic interests. This can be included with the application or emailed separately.

Selection and Award Process: Proposals must be submitted to LCAS by December 15, 2019. A committee of LCAS members and a Carroll College faculty representative will review proposals and make a recommendation to the LCAS Board for a decision. Students will be notified of the Board's decision no later than January 10, 2020. The selected student(s) is invited to attend the May LCAS meeting to be introduced to the members. All applicants will receive notice of the Board's decision.

The award will be made when a completed report is received, and a brief summary article is submitted for the LCAS newsletter. If funding is needed in advance to cover some of the research costs, please explain that in your application, including an estimate of needed advance funding.

Questions can be directed to Sumner Sharpe, LCAS Education Chair at 406-443-6536 or 503-803-7676; or email at mtnutmeg@gmail.com.