

## **Last Chance Audubon Society- Carroll College Grant for Academic Year 2021-2022**

The Last Chance Audubon Society (LCAS) is pleased to announce an award of \$1000 to a Carroll College student 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](http://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 consistent with the LCAS mission and 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.

**Selection and Award Process:** Proposals must be submitted to LCAS by December 15, 2021. A committee of LCAS members 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 December 31, 2021. 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.

Any questions, contact Sumner Sharpe, LCAS Education Chair at 406-443-6536 or 503-803-7676; or email at [mtnutmeg@gmail.com](mailto:mtnutmeg@gmail.com).

**Application Process:** Complete and attach the form on the next page and information as described below and submit no later than December 15, 2021 to [carrollaward@lastchanceaudubon.org](mailto:carrollaward@lastchanceaudubon.org). Include in the description:

- Describe your topic, purpose and anticipated final product.
- Include or attach (no more than 2 single-spaced pages) a description of how you intend to undertake this research effort.
- **Your proposal should describe how it addresses the LCAS mission and how it is specific to or applicable to the Helena geographic area.**
- Any other pertinent personal information such as career plans, why you selected this topic, etc.
- Your proposed time frame (beginning and end). **(Note: The 2021-2022 grant period includes the school year and the summer of 2022.)**
- **The name and contact information for your faculty reference. A reference letter from a faculty member who is familiar with your topic and research.** This can be included with the application or emailed separately.

**Application Form: LCAS – Carroll College 2020-2021 Award**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel. Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major/Year at Carroll:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Reference Information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel. Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_