



Arizona Elk Society
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Dear Educator,

The Arizona Elk Society (AES) was founded in 2001 by a group of dedicated sportsmen and women wanting to form an organization that would cater to the specific needs of elk in Arizona. The AES is a 501c-3 non-profit corporation.

The Arizona Elk Society is the first and only organization that is dedicated exclusively to Arizona's world renowned elk herd. The key organizers and volunteers of the AES have hundreds of combined years of volunteer experience in both statewide and National Wildlife Organizations. Elk enthusiasm runs high in Arizona. This past year (2008) 107,700 hunters applied for 27,300 elk tags. Arizona's elk herd ranks high on the watchable wildlife list of must see animals in Arizona. Each year elk enthusiasts around the world spend hundreds of millions of dollars in our economy for products, food and services here in Arizona related to elk hunting and watching.

The Arizona Elk Society is very different from National Organizations. All the funds raised in Arizona stay in Arizona, going directly to projects and programs that benefit the elk and wildlife that live in Arizona. Because the AES is exclusively in Arizona, Arizonan's have a voice of power when it comes time to choose what projects and programs will be funded.

In addition to providing a voice for sportsmen and women, the Arizona Elk Society holds an annual banquet each year, funds projects to assist in restoring and improving the elk habitat, runs a youth camp, helps young hunters during the Junior Elk Hunts, and more. For more information about the Arizona Elk Society visit our website at <http://www.arizonaelksociety.org>.

Yet another great opportunity provided by the Arizona Elk Society to the youth of Arizona is a scholarship program. Three scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year will be granted. Two scholarships in the amount of \$750 and \$1000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors and one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 will be awarded to a student currently enrolled in and attending college.

For more information about the scholarship requirements please see the enclosed brochure. As an educator, I know how valuable any help with the rising cost of tuition can be. I ask that you take the time to distribute this information about our scholarship program to students you know who may benefit from this opportunity. On behalf of the Arizona Elk Society I would like to thank you for your dedication to the youth of Arizona and your help in sharing this information.

Thank you,

Wendy Stressman
Scholarship Committee Chairman