

Mission Statement

The mission of the Arizona Elk Society is to raise funds to benefit elk and other wildlife through habitat conservation and restoration and to preserve our hunting heritage for present and future generations.

In support of our mission we are committed to:

Conserving and enhancing wildlife habitat in Arizona.

- Protecting and promoting our hunting heritage.

- Promoting sound wildlife and habitat management through partnering with government agencies and other organizations.

- Implementing special programs for youth education regarding conservation, hunting and outdoor activities.

- Informing the general public about issues concerning wildlife conservation, as well as scientific and biological wildlife and habitat management.



Walt Nicoson
1939-2008

“A Scholarship dedicated to the memory of Walt Nicoson and his love for helping others, especially youth and wildlife habitat in Arizona.”

Walt was an avid hunter and wildlife lover. Walt donated his time and energy to the Arizona Elk Society. He was a Founding Life member and a Habitat Partner. He volunteered for all the AES events but helping the youth of Arizona experience the joy of hunting and the outdoors was Walt's passion. Instilling respect, ethics and responsibility for wildlife and wildlife habitat was foremost to Walt. The AES feels that there is no better person to name our scholarship after than Walt Nicoson. We hope that Walt's example of dedication and volunteerism to the AES and wildlife will be instilled in our scholarship recipients.

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Walt Nicoson Memorial Scholarships

*In Support of our
Future Conservationists.*



This year, the Arizona Elk Society will award three scholarships to graduating high school seniors continuing on to college who exhibit a commitment to wildlife and the outdoors and who participate in school-related responsibilities and activities.

Scholarships will be in the amounts of \$1000, \$750 and \$500.

For more information about this scholarship, please visit our website at www.arizonaelksociety.org or contact Wendy Stressman at (480) 272-1740.



Eligibility Requirements

- [1] Students must be Arizona residents and graduating high school seniors with plans to attend an accredited college. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale. A copy of the student's transcript from high school is required.
- [2] Students must support and actively participate in the preservation of hunting. A copy of the student's current hunting license is required.
- [3] Students must be a current member of the Arizona Elk Society.
- [4] Students must be involved in school or community activities supporting conservation and/or leadership positions within the community (FFA, scouting, 4-H, student council, and more).
- [5] Students must submit an essay describing why wildlife conservation is important to them. In addition, the autobiography must provide evidence that the student is committed to wildlife conservation.
- [6] Three letters of recommendation are required. These letters of recommendation may not be from family members.

Application Process

- [1] Download the Scholarship Application Form at www.arizonaelksociety.org and complete.
- [2] Mail completed application along with essay, 3 letters of recommendation and other required materials. Must be postmarked by January 19, 2009. Mail to:

Arizona Elk Society
c/o Wendy Stressman
4190 East Seasons Circle
Gilbert, Arizona 85297
- [3] Application and materials will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. The top three applications will be presented to the Arizona Elk Society Board and a recipient will be chosen from these three.

The AES scholarship recipient will be announced at the AES banquet in March.

If you are interested in donating to the scholarship program, visit www.arizonaelksociety.org for information or call Steve Clark, AES President at (623) 594-7074.