

Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (“CDRI”)

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Application

Dr. James F. Scudday Endowed Scholarship (“Scudday Scholarship”)

The Scudday Scholarship was created to honor Dr. Jim Scudday, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Sul Ross State University (SRSU) and co-founder of the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (CDRI). The \$1,000 scholarship is open to graduate students whose thesis research in vertebrate biology is conducted within the Chihuahuan Desert region. Students must possess a GPA of 3.5 or higher for their graduate studies. In addition, the recipient of the Scudday Scholarship shall provide CDRI with a final hard copy of their completed thesis.

The deadline to apply for the Summer 2026 grant is March 31, 2026.

Applicant

First Name

Last Name

Student ID #

Email Address

Permanent Address

Street Address/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Current Address (if different than your permanent address)

Street Address/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Phone #

The following items **must** accompany the Scholarship Application as attachments to the Application:

- A copy of your thesis proposal
- A letter of recommendation from your major advisor
- One or more additional references with name, email address, and phone number of references
- Your Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of your undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- A Letter of Interest from you that includes science-based career goals (i.e., how you intend to use your master's degree), honors received, work experience, volunteer work, etc.
- An overview describing the anticipated research and associated expenses for which the Scudday Scholarship will be used, linking the research to your thesis proposal.

Signature

Date

Please submit your completed Application to: lgordon@cdri.org

Please direct all questions to lgordon@cdri.org or call 432-364-2499.

Thank you, and best wishes for continued success in your academic and career pursuits. We invite you to visit the CDRI Nature Center & Botanical Gardens, www.cdri.org to learn more about its Mission and operations.