Wyoming Native Plant Society

2014 MARKOW SCHOLARSHIP/SMALL GRANT

Applications are due 15 February 2014. Awards will be made in April, 2014.

Electronic copies of this application are also posted on the WYNPS homepage at: www.wynps.org

The Wyoming Native Plant Society promotes appreciation, understanding and conservation of native plants and plant communities through its annual scholarship/small grants program. Thesis research may address any aspect of botany, including floristics, taxonomy, ecology, genetics, plant geography, range science, paleontology, pollination biology, physiology, and mycology. In addition, other projects such as botany curriculum development, public native plant gardens, and other forms of research will be considered.

Study or project proposals must pertain to native plants of Wyoming. Preference will be given to proposals expected to generate research data or promote public understanding. Up to \$1,000 of expenses may be covered per proposal. *Awards defray direct project costs, excluding labor or conferences*. Eligible expenses include:

- 1) Direct costs of travel, meals, and lodging for research or education projects.
- 2) Supply and service expenses used for the sole purpose of the project (e.g., consumable supplies such as laboratory chemicals, soil and nursery stock, and services such as phone and computer time).

The deadline for proposals is February 15. The scholarship/grant competition is open to residents of Wyoming or members of WYNPS. Awards will be announced in April.

The proposal should be no longer than three pages and should include the following information:

- Contact person and organizational affiliation, as appropriate.
- Mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- Short abstract of the study or project (2-5 sentences).
- Description of the study or project: objectives, methods, description of final product, and short description of past similar work (if applicable). Garden proposals should include plant lists, an educational component, and explicitly address long-term maintenance plans.
- Description of how the study or project will benefit native plant conservation in Wyoming.
- Overall budget showing amount requested from WYNPS (\$1,000 or less) and the intended purpose of the funding, as well as other funding sources.
- Time frames for completion of the study or project.
- Brief statement of applicant's qualifications or biography.
- Name, address, email address or phone number of two people as references.

Successful scholarship or grant applicants will be required to submit a final report (due no later than September 20, 2015) documenting the study or project accomplishments to WYNPS, suitable for publication in the *Castilleja* newsletter, along with an accounting of how the funds were used.

Please send completed applications to:

Wyoming Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 2449, Laramie, WY 82073; or wynps@wynps.org