

2020 Northwest Orchid Society Research Awards—Application Process

Each year the Northwest Orchid Society offers funding for student research projects related to orchids. These awards (typically about \$1000) are open to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in certified institutions of higher education in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Proposals are judged on the basis of experimental/research quality and must have some direct relationship to orchids (examples: conservation biology, orchid relationships with and/or adaptation to the environment, pollination biology, propagation, and tissue culture). This year's **deadline for receipt of proposals is April 26**; awards will be announced by mid-May. Award recipients must agree to (1) give a short presentation about the project at an NWOS meeting in Seattle or (2) submit a brief report describing the research outcome at the end of the grant period (1 year). A presentation is preferred. The NWOS meets ten times each year, the second Monday of each month from September through June.

Each award will be made in two payments: Half when awarded (e.g., this May) and half when the project is completed and a presentation is made or the report received.

A travel stipend may be available—please ask about this when your research is nearing completion.

Submission requirements (electronic preferred)

1. By April 26, submit a 1- to 3-page proposal outlining the nature of the research, research plans and procedures, the availability of necessary equipment and supplies, and a simple budget describing how the money will be used. Be sure and include contact information: email address, snail mail address, and a phone number. Also, please indicate if you anticipate being able to present your findings at an NWOS meeting.
2. A curriculum vitae is optional.
3. The student's supervising professor **must** submit a letter of support. The application will not be considered without this letter.

I'm happy to answer questions by email or phone. My land line is 425-257-0583. Leave a message and I will return your call.

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