H. Gene Drecktrah Fund
PIGEON LAKE FIELD STATION
GRANT-IN-AID

The H. Gene Drecktrah Fund was established by the Department of Biology and Microbiology upon his retirement from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in January 2002. The purpose of the fund is *"… to establish a fund to be used to encourage and support promising students and faculty participation in field biology experiences, with preference to be given to the support of student endeavors. In addition, it will be used to help defray costs of course work, lodging and meals at biology field stations (e.g., Pigeon Lake Field Station of the UW System), as well as the cost of biology field opportunities for students and faculty/staff."*

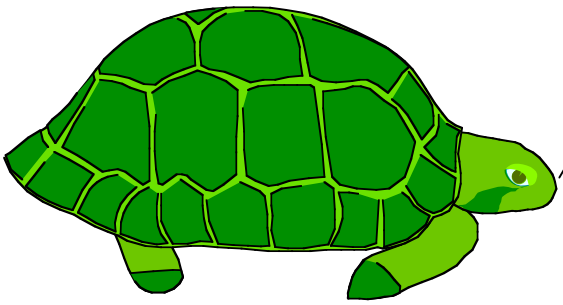
With this purpose in mind, the Department of Biology and Microbiology will award a grant to partially cover the expenses associated with a Pigeon Lake Field Station course in which a student is enrolled during the current year. The grant-in-aid, in the amount of $250.00, will be used to partially cover tuition, room and board, and any course/lab fees.

The grant will be awarded on a competitive basis to a student who:

- is currently a full-time (12 credits) undergraduate student at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh with a minimum of 45 credits earned at the end of the semester of application,
- will be returning to UW Oshkosh for at least one more semester,
- is a biology major with a demonstrated interest in field biology or ecology, and
- has completed the application form and submitted it along with a confidential letter of recommendation from a current faculty/staff member of the Department of Biology and Microbiology by the application due-date stated below.

- **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE BIOLOGY & MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OFFICE BY …….. Check with the Biology Department.**

The department PLFS Grant-in-Aid committee will review all qualified applicants for the award who have submitted their application no later than the due-date specified below. The awardee will be announced by 5 May. The award will be paid directly to the facility with administrative authority for PLFS (currently UW River Falls) when the awardee has completed the official course registration following appropriate procedures. The number of awards in any one year may vary from none to two depending upon applicant qualifications, available funds and any other unforeseen circumstances deemed appropriate by the selection committee.



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APPLICATIONS DUE

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APRIL (see Biology and Microbiology Department Office staff)

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GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION

Name_____
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Address:
Campus_____
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Home_____
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Phone: Campus_____
Home_____

E-mail
adress:_____
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Year in College: 1 2 3 4 Anticipated Graduation Date_____

Pigeon Lake Field Station course in which you have/will enroll_____

Course starts_____ Course
ends_____

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1. **Major:** Biology with emphasis
in_____

2. **Transcript:** Please attach a UWO transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable; department Program Assistant can print one for you if not available elsewhere).
   a. Number of credits completed_____ **b.** GPA_____

3. List all biology (including related courses such as chemistry) that you expect to take in completing your current degree program.

4. **Experience:** List any other experiences (e.g., internships, undergraduate research, independent study, employment, etc.) that relate to your biology degree program. Describe briefly.

5. **Professional Goals:** Discuss your career goals and aspirations (e.g., do you plan to teach, seek a graduate degree, work for the DNR, etc.).

6. **Letter of reference:** Please include one confidential letter of reference from a current biology/microbiology faculty/staff member.

7. **Essay:** Please write a short essay (maximum 500 words) on the following: "Why I will benefit by taking a field biology course at Pigeon Lake Field Station." (You may write the essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.)

Please return this application and requested materials to the Department of Biology and Microbiology by the specified due-date.