

The William L. Wilson and Diane C. Wilson Scholarship in Karst Science

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The **William L. Wilson and Diane C. Wilson Scholarship in Karst Science** was established in 2002 to recognize the significant contributions of the late William (Bill) L. Wilson. Bill used a variety of techniques, and unusual creativity, to tackle some of the most difficult karst science questions in Florida and elsewhere. He developed a leading karst consulting company in the United States, Subsurface Evaluations, Inc. To stimulate the development of new, energetic, motivated, and creative karst scientists, and to remember Bill Wilson and his dedication to karst science, the scholarship has been established in his memory. The initial donation of funds to establish the scholarship were made by Diane C. Wilson, and, upon her passing, the name of the scholarship was changed to include recognition of her commitment to supporting karst science. The scholarship includes recognition at the KWI spring banquet, a plaque naming the awardee, and a one-time award of **\$2,500**.

To apply for the William L. Wilson and Diane C. Wilson Scholarship, the following conditions exist:

- 1) The applicant must be currently enrolled in, or have been accepted into, a **master's degree** program at an institution of higher education in the United States. PhD students are not eligible.
- 2) A written proposal of the planned karst study. The research topic should focus on karst science, broadly defined, including subfields of geochemistry, geology, geophysics, or hydrology. The proposal narrative is limited to **1000 words**, not including figure captions or references. A successful proposal includes a clear statement of the project objective at the very beginning of the document.
- 3) A half-page budget explanation. Although funds are unrestricted and do not have to provide complete support of the project, a simple budget and short justification should be included to reflect how the award may further the proposed work.
- 4) One-page CV. The student should prepare a one-page CV that includes information on academic background and any relevant employment or research experience. Include a list of course completed in graduate school.
- 5) One letter of recommendation from the student's advisor or mentor. These letters should be emailed directly to jherman@virginia.edu by the letter writer. The letter should include a statement confirming that the student is in progress toward a master's degree.
- 6) Applications are due by February 15, 2024. They should be submitted electronically as a single pdf file that includes the proposal, budget, and CV:

Dr. Janet S. Herman, President, Karst Waters Institute

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Questions regarding the scholarship should be addressed to Dr. Herman.

Applicants will be notified in late March of the decision of the Scholarship Committee.

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For more information, go to: <http://karstwaters.org/scholarship/>