



## Helene Marie Van Doninck Memorial Scholarship Application Requirements

Dr. Helene Marie Van Doninck was passionate in her education of the public, especially regarding the dangers of lead ammunition. The wildlife rehabilitation community has come together to remember Helene by creating and contributing to a fund which supports public education. IWRC is pleased to manage this fund on behalf of the larger community.

Applicants are encouraged to nominate themselves for this award.

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to advance public education and advocacy for wildlife rehabilitation by supporting attendance to conferences or other learning opportunities in this domain. The Helene Marie Van Doninck scholarship is funded through community contributions and the award/s granted each year may vary depending upon donor support. This year, award/s will be between \$50 and \$300.

### Application Requirements:

- Applicants must adhere to the IWRC mission statement to ‘provide evidence-based education and resources on wildlife rehabilitation to move the field of wildlife rehabilitation forward; to promote wildlife conservation and welfare; and to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts worldwide, through better understanding of wild animal ecology, behavior, and welfare’, in public outreach and rehabilitation practice.
- Applicants abide by practices outlined in the NWRA and IWRC Standards of Rehabilitation.
- Applicants must adhere to the [Wildlife Rehabilitator’s Code of Ethics](#).
- The applicant does not promote wildlife as “pets” any time including but not limited to whether presenting to the public or posting on social media.
- The applicant embodies Helene’s passion and commitment to the preservation of wildlife and is working towards making a positive difference for wildlife.
- If selected, the award recipient will submit a short communication to the Board confirming how the funding supported their development and what they hope this opportunity will facilitate going forward. This communication will be submitted within a year of the distribution of funds.



## How To Apply:

Applicants must complete the application process completely and accurately. All application materials will be submitted and received between June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31 during the application cycle.

- Complete the online Helene Marie Van Doninck award application. [Click here to apply](#).
- Submit two letters of recommendation from an individual within the wildlife care field (No recommendations from friends or family). These letters must be received by the IWRC within the application acceptance time frame.
  - Letters of recommendation should be submitted by the recommender either by email ([Scholarship@theiwrc.org](mailto:Scholarship@theiwrc.org)) or mail (PO Box 3197, Eugene, OR 97403).

Once the application deadline has passed, a panel including 2 Board members, 2 staff members and Helene's husband will convene to review the applications. They will vote and select the award recipient/s. The award recipient/s will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting.