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## **Helene Marie Van Doninck** Memorial Fund 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 that 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 fund is to financially support wildlife education and advocacy initiatives and enable wildlife rehabilitators to attend conferences, trainings, or other events to teach or learn about public education for animal welfare and conservation. The Helene Marie Van Doninck fund is made possible through community contributions, and the award/s granted each year may vary depending upon donor support. 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” at any time, including but not limited to 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 on how the funding supported their development and/or what they hope this opportunity will facilitate going forward. This communication will be submitted within a year of the distribution of funds.



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## How To Apply:

Submit application materials between July 15 - August 31.

- Complete the online Helene Marie Van Doninck fund application. [Click here to apply.](#)
- Submit at least one letter of recommendation (two preferred) from an individual within the wildlife care field (No recommendations from friends or family). This letter(s) 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 by 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.