



## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY East Bay Chapter

### 2019 Myrtle Wolf Student Research Grant Announcement

**Background:** The mission of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants. The East Bay Chapter (EBCNPS), which serves Alameda and Contra Costa counties, offers the Myrtle Wolf Student Research Grant in honor of Myrtle Wolf (1913-2012), a longtime Oakland teacher who devoted herself to California's native flora after retiring. As a member of CNPS for over 30 years, she worked on annual plant sales and promoting the use of native plants for landscaping, and she was recognized as a CNPS Fellow in 1987. Myrtle Wolf also supported the UC Botanical Garden, which named its library in her honor in 2000.

**Subject Matter:** The Myrtle Wolf Student Research Grant supports research on all aspects of California native plant science, such as horticulture, taxonomy, biochemical processes, diseases, and interactions with the environment.

**Who May Apply:** Applicants must be registered students, undergraduate or graduate, at accredited institutions of higher learning located in Alameda or Contra Costa County. Community College students are specifically included.

**Amount:** The maximum award amount is \$1000. There were seven awards in 2018 and we anticipate a similar number in 2019. The number and amounts are at the discretion of EBCNPS.

**Permitted Grant Expenses:** Awarded grant money is to be spent on research expenses including project travel within California (\$0.58 per mile), excluding travel for conferences; equipment (up to \$500); software; supplies such as laboratory or field materials; and facility fees (e.g., greenhouse fees). Grant money is not to be used for indirect costs, stipends, or salaries.

**Application Guidelines:** The application must include: A) project objective, rationale, and methods, B) budget and budget justification, C) applicant's resume or CV, D) letter of support from a faculty sponsor endorsing the project and the applicant, and E) statement of permit(s) needed, if any, to conduct the project. Excluding items C, D, and E, applications must not exceed two pages.

**Proposal Deadline:** Applications must be emailed or postmarked by Friday, October 18, 2019.

**Review Criteria:** EBCNPS proposal evaluation criteria are: project's potential to advance the current state of knowledge, suitability of the methodology, qualifications of the researcher to conduct the project, and how the project supports the CNPS mission stated above, especially for taxa native to Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

**Requirements:** Recipients must obtain the required permits before a grant is awarded, acknowledge the Myrtle Wolf Student Research Grant in communications that result from grant support, and provide a report on results to EBCNPS in the form of a two-paragraph summary for publication in the Bay Leaf (chapter newsletter).

**Contact Information:** Mail or email applications and direct questions to:

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