



Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association  
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## **Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association Dr. Gary Bird Memorial Scholarship**

Dr. Gary Bird was a veterinarian in Tucson, Arizona and a long time board member of the Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA). He exemplified the best of the veterinary profession. He had compassion for animals and was an excellent scientist and clinician. He was humble and always strived to learn more and be the best he could be. He valued and honored his family, community, and profession.

Two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded annually at the discretion of the SAVMA Board of Directors. The qualifying student must

1. be an Arizona resident
2. have attended the University of Arizona, and
3. be enrolled in their first year of a post-graduate veterinary medical program at an AVMA accredited veterinary medical school.

Submit applications by mail to SAVMA, PO Box 65832, Tucson, AZ 85728. Submit applications by email as an attachment in .pdf format to savmaoffice@gmail.com. SAVMA will accept completed applications postmarked no later than June 30 or by email dated no later than June 30 at midnight Mountain Time. The SAVMA Board of Directors will award the scholarship(s) no later than July 15 and notify recipients by U. S. mail.

Applications are reviewed and scholarships awarded by the Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association Board of Directors.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient of the award by check via US mail.



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## APPLICATION

1. Personal information:
  - Name:
  - Mailing Address:
  - Phone Number:
  - E-mail:
2. Scholastic information
  - Copy of transcript from University of Arizona
  - Name of the professional veterinary medical school with proof of acceptance
3. Awards and achievements (no more than 10)
4. Description of extracurricular involvement
5. Attach letters of recommendation (teachers, advisors, employers, etc.). (no more than 10)
6. What areas of veterinary medicine currently interest you?
7. Description of education plan and professional goals: What do you plan to do when you graduate?
8. What is your expected level of education-related financial indebtedness in the course of earning your medical degree and detail your plan to manage it.
9. Gary Bird was a veterinarian who was dedicated to his profession and the community he served. How do plan to use your chosen profession to help your community as well as give back to our profession? Write an essay on how you will embody Dr. Bird's legacy and represent the veterinary profession. Essays may be up to two (2) pages in length,
10. Submit your response and attachments separately in hard copy or .pdf format. Include your name on each page. Written answers must be double-spaced and the font size should be no smaller than 12 pt.



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I certify that the attached information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information is confidential and will be used only by the Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association for the purpose of selecting a recipient for the Dr. Gary Bird Memorial Scholarship.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_