

Wildlife Student Hunting Education Fund

Intent of Fund

Hunting is an essential component of wildlife management both as a funding source and a management tool. Hunter dollars obtained from the Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Act have been used to fund billions of dollars in wildlife conservation efforts. While the hunter who pays the bill can be a primary recipient of the benefits, all Hoosiers benefit from P-R funding. An increasing number of today's students enrolled in college level wildlife programs lack a traditional hunting background. Hunting workshops held nationally and in Indiana are currently



under way to help increase hunting awareness among wildlife students. The intent of this fund is to help support these efforts and increase the level of hunting support amongst future wildlife professionals. These events can also increase hunting participation which has seen a national decline over the past several years. An initial donation of \$15,000 was contributed by the former Sullivan County Chapter of Quail Unlimited.

How Funds will be Distributed

These funds will be administered by the Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ICTWS). A committee of ICTWS members will determine if an event/activity is eligible for funds. The committee shall use the following guidelines to determine eligibility:

- Are the majority of the participants enrolled in a college level wildlife related program?
- Do the majority of participants lack a prior hunting background?
- Does the activity provide students with a hands-on hunting experience?
- Is the event designed to increase the awareness of and appreciation for hunting as an important funding source and management tool?

All requests must be in writing and submitted a minimum of 45 days in advance. Fund requests can be submitted to Sam Whiteleather, fund committee member, at swhiteleather@dnr.in.gov.

“This hunting tradition and the conservation ethic within that tradition covered a lot of ground before it got to us. It passed through the hands of people both, humble and great, simple and profound. This legacy did not come to our generation to die. To keep it alive, we must learn the stories, we must appreciate their significance, and we must teach each successive generation how this heritage was delivered to our custody.” Jim Posewitz
INHERIT THE HUNT.