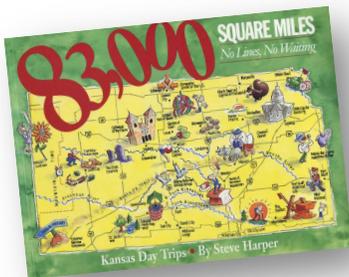
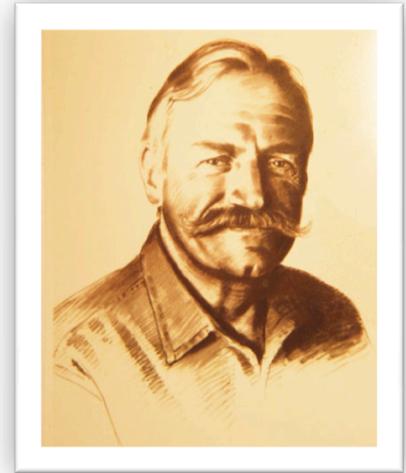


## STEVE HARPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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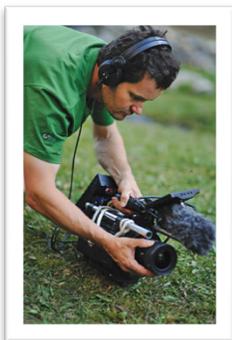
One of the best-known Kansans of his time, Steve Harper left his mark on Kansas through photographs and words. During his career, he was a photojournalism instructor at Wichita State University, the Wichita Eagle's photography editor and eventually, the newspaper's outdoors writer and photographer.



Steve's trademark works were photographs and articles showing and explaining the natural beauty of Kansas. His series in the Eagle on Kansas day trips led to the publication of his popular book, "*83,000 square Miles, No Lines, No Waiting.*" His outdoor page was several times voted the best of its kind in the nation.

Sadly, Steve died of cancer on February 6, 2000, at the age of 55 in the same Newton house where he had grown up and raised three daughters.

The **Steve Harper Memorial Scholarship** was started at the suggestion of Governor Bill Graves, among others, as a way to honor Steve's dedication to Kansans and serving the Kansas outdoors. As Steve would have wished, it's presented to Kansas youth pursuing wildlife or nature-based careers at Kansas colleges, with Kansas-based career goals.



An excellent judge of character, Steve put as much stock in a person's initiative and accomplishments as academic successes.

The scholarship committee will give equal consideration to all three qualifications.

The scholarship is sponsored, funded, and administered by the Kansas Wildscape Foundation and the Outdoor Communicators of Kansas. For more information on the group, go to [www.facebook.com/ksoutdoorcommunicators](http://www.facebook.com/ksoutdoorcommunicators).

## **Eligibility**

The opportunity to be awarded this scholarship is available to:

A. Any graduating senior enrolled in a Kansas high school that plans to attend a four-year college or university in Kansas and study wildlife or nature-based curriculum including outdoor journalism.

B. University students enrolled in a wildlife or nature-based curriculum.

Scholarship award recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, or sex. Applicant chosen as the recipient of this scholarship will be required to show proof of full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) in order to receive the scholarship funds.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of past or current involvement in the wildlife or nature-based fields, strength of application, and academic performance.

## **Applications**

Completed application and supporting documents must be returned on or before April 30 to the email address, [marcmurrell@wildscape.org](mailto:marcmurrell@wildscape.org), or mailed to the following address:

Kansas Wildscape Foundation  
Attn: Steve Harper Scholarship  
1027 Washington Rd, Ste. B.  
Newton, KS 67114

## **Directions**

Applications must be typed or written neatly in ink. A letter of recommendation must accompany this application. The letter of recommendation may be from a teacher, counselor, coach or employer. Those hoping for careers writing about or photographing wildlife or nature should send examples of their works.

## **Award**

The Steve Harper Scholarship Committee of the Outdoor Writers of Kansas will award the \$1,000 scholarship, which is for one year and is a non-renewable award. If in the opinion of the selection committee, there are no qualified applicants, funds will be retained and will be used in subsequent years.

# STEVE HARPER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Participant Name:**

**Street Address:**

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**Street Address 2:**

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**City**

**State**

**Zip**

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**Phone Number:**

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**Email Address:**

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## Student Services Information

**Student's Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size of Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature required by a school official  
(counselor, principle, etc.)**

**For this application, provide participants transcript.**

**Signature:**

**List important school honors, awards, offices held, etc., beginning with grade 10 to present.**

**List important out-of-school honors, awards, offices held, community service projects, etc. beginning with grade 10 to present.**

**List summer and/or part-time jobs you have held, beginning with grade 10 to the present. Indicate length of time each job was held.**

**Outline your past experience in wildlife or nature-based activities. Include your reasons for desiring to pursue your curriculum of study and your plans for using the education after your graduation from college.**

**Name the post-secondary school you plan to attend next year. If you are considering more than one school, please rank them—list first choice first.**

**Why do you wish scholarship aid from the Steve Harper Scholarship Fund?**

**List your parents'/guardian's present address. If parent/guardians reside at different addresses, please list primary address used.**

**Write a brief statement about your desire to continue your education. (approximately 100 words or less)**

**Write a brief statement explaining your financial need for this scholarship; include any unusual circumstances. (approximately 100 words or less)**