Phil Bassetti Memorial Scholarship  
P.O. Box 1323  
Gonzales CA  93926

February 20, 2015

Dear School Counselor/Financial Aid Dept.:  

Enclosed, please find the application for the Phil Bassetti Memorial Scholarship, which we hope you will share with any student who meets the criteria. This scholarship was established over ten years ago, in hopes that our organization could provide some financial assistance to students who are pursuing a degree in one of the following fields of study:

- Agriculture;
- Forestry;
- Animal and Wildlife Husbandry;
- Rangeland Science;
- Veterinary Science;
- Resource Management;

Last year, we awarded 5 scholarships and are hopeful to continue for as long as possible. As the application states, we are looking for eligible students from within the tri-county area who have maintained a 3.0 GPA and understand the importance of a balanced life, which includes some community service.

We will accept applications up through April 15, and will make our decisions as quickly as possible thereafter. If a recipient is selected from your school, we would like an opportunity to make the presentation at your school’s Senior Awards event, if possible. Otherwise, the presentation will be made at our chapter’s Summer Family BBQ in August. Please send that information to us at: silvaliz831@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for sharing this information to the students who may be interested in applying for this scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee,
Margot Turner, Liz Silva, and Bill Lunquist
2015 APPLICATION

Phil Bassetti Memorial Scholarship

The Phil Bassetti Memorial Scholarship is to be awarded and maintained by the Salinas Valley Deer Benefit. Its mission is to ensure the future of wildlife and their habitat in California and the Salinas Valley. Education is an integral part of that mission.

The Phil Bassetti Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004, to recognize and encourage leadership among future wildlife professionals. The award is sponsored in part by the Salinas Valley Deer Benefit, in memory of its past President and association founder, Phil Bassetti.

The Phil Bassetti Memorial Scholarship will be presented to as many as three qualified undergraduate students. Each scholarship carries a $1,000 reward and a one-year membership in the California Deer Association. The number and the award may be adjusted with the amount of working funds in the memorial fund and the number of qualified applicants. If funds are not claimed within one year of the award, the money will remain in the fund.

Each scholarship will be awarded in a single payment, upon receipt of enrollment by the recipient to a qualified school.

Qualifications

High school seniors or college students, planning to study in wildlife related natural resource programs, or college students majoring in the field of agriculture, forestry, animal and wildlife husbandry, rangeland science, veterinary science or resource management may apply. Applicants must:

1. Be a high school senior in good standing, living in Monterey, San Benito, or Santa Cruz county, and maintain a 3.0 GPA; or an undergraduate student from Monterey, San Benito, or Santa Cruz county, with studies in a wildlife related natural resource program and have a minimum GPA of 3.0;

2. Be scheduled to be enrolled as a full-time student for the following school term;

3. Previous winners are eligible to apply, as long as they maintain eligibility.

Application Deadline

To be considered for the current year, the application must be received by April 15, 2015.

Application Procedures

Complete the Scholarship Application Form (we prefer typed applications), have your school’s department head/chairperson complete their section, enclose two letters of recommendation from a faculty member at your school and a personal adult friend, and mail everything to:

SVDB Scholarship Committee – P.O. Box 1323, Gonzales CA 93926
DATE: _______________________________  SSN: _____ - ____ - _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _______________________________  (Last Name)
                                             (First Name)  (M.I.)

SCHOOL YEAR ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________
(If different from your permanent home address)

CITY: ___________________________  STATE: _____  ZIP: ______

TELEPHONE (include area code): ___________________________ (Day) ______________________ (Eve)

E-mail: ________________________________________________

PERMANENT HOME MAILING ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________  STATE: _____  ZIP: ______

TELEPHONE (include area code): ___________________________

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: ___________________________  STATE: _____
(planning to attend, or are attending)

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _________________________________________________

MAJOR OR AREA OF STUDY: _________________________________________________________

CURRENT G.P.A. (attach copy of current transcript): ________________________________

You may photocopy this application. You will be notified of receipt of your application.

Thank you for your interest,

Salinas Valley Deer Benefit – Scholarship Committee
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Applicant: ________________________________

LEISURE ACTIVITIES OR HOBBIES
(In 100 words or less, please list your hobbies and leisure activities)
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Applicant: ____________________________________________

CRITICAL WILDLIFE OR CONSERVATION ISSUES
(In 250 words or less, please identify what you believe to be the most important conservation issues facing California and Central California in the next ten years, and how will it impact the future of wildlife resources.)
Applicant: ______________________________

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
(Describe your Leadership activities and accomplishments as they relate to wildlife or natural resources. List organizations, dates, offices held, committees chaired, or other examples of leadership in wildlife and conservation organizations, professional associations, as well as community or school groups and activities.)
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Applicant: ________________________________

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE
(In 100 words or less, list any agricultural, wildlife, or conservation related work or volunteer project experiences you have had to date, include length of employment or dates of projects.)

PERSONAL STATEMENT
(In 100 words or less, write a statement directed to the Salinas Valley Deer Benefit Scholarship Committee, providing information concerning your career goals and objectives – ie: How do you plan to use your education in the future?)
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Applicant: __________________________________________

HUNTING IN CONSERVATION
(In 250 words or less, describe the historical, present, and future role of hunting in conservation.)
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RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION: I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes, if selected. I also give permission to release information concerning my academic progress to donors of the scholarship I may receive. I understand that I must be registered as a full-time student for a qualified school term to receive the scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Student’s Name (Printed): _______________________________

Student’s Signature _______________________________ Date: __________________

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if Student is a Minor __________________________________________

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When you have completed all parts of the application form, please give to your High School Advisor or College/University Head/Chairperson to complete the following information. Your High School Advisor or College/University Head/Chairperson can then mail it directly to the Salinas Valley Deer Benefit. Be sure to enclose two letters of recommendation from members of your school faculty.

The applicant, ______________________________, is a full time student as either a High School Senior or College/University Student. His/Her GPA on a 4.0 scale to date is ___________

High School Senior – Planned Major/Area of Study _______________________________

College/University Student – Major/Area of Study _______________________________

School Official’s Name: __________________________ Title: __________________________

(Please print clearly)

High School / College Name: _______________________________

Address: ______________________________ City/State: __________________ Zip: ______

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________

Please mail entire completed application with a copy of the student’s current transcript, and two letters of recommendation before April 15, 2015 to:

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S.V.D.B Scholarship Committee
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