

Colorado Native Plant Society
Alice Eastwood Scholarship
"My desire is to help, not to shine."



PURPOSE

The Alice Eastwood Scholarship is administered by the Alice Eastwood Partnership in collaboration with the Colorado Native Plant Society (CoNPS). It is intended to help support undergraduates pursuing bachelor's degrees that ultimately advance the Mission of the Society:

"The Colorado Native Plant Society is dedicated to furthering the knowledge, appreciation and conservation of native plants and habitats of Colorado through education, stewardship and advocacy."

AWARDS

Scholarships of \$475 — Eastwood's annual salary earned while teaching at Denver East High School — will be matched with funds from the CoNPS for a total award of \$950 per scholarship administered on an annual basis by the Society. Depending on the application pool, one or two awards are expected each year through 2029. Qualified applicants, whether or not they are selected as recipients, will receive a student membership in the Society if they submit a quality application.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be undergraduates pursuing bachelor's degrees that ultimately advance the Mission of the Society, including botany, ecology, conservation, landscape architecture, horticulture, or environmental science emphasizing native plants.
2. At the time a scholarship application is submitted, applicants must be registered full-time for classes during the upcoming Fall Semester.
3. Scholarships will be administered following census date (tenth day of classes) and proof of full-time registration.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit a concise but detailed application attached to an email sent to Conpsoffice@aol.com (ATTN: Eastwood Scholarship Selection Committee) by 1 December; cc: christina.alba@botanicgardens. Complete applications will include the following:

1. Applicant's legal name, academic institution, student number, mailing address, email address, and phone number;
2. Unofficial transcripts (downloaded from college or university is acceptable);
3. Resume (1 page in length);
4. Essay (1 page in length with 1" margins, 12pt font, and single line-spacing) addressing the following questions:
 - What is your field of study and how did you select it?
 - What are your short-term and long-term career goals?
 - Describe any co- or extra-curricular activities pertinent to your career goals?
 - Describe any work experience pertinent to your career goals. This experience could be science-related or more generally applicable to professional development.
 - Describe any area(s) of specialization.
5. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member who is able to address the aforementioned.

As a condition of the award, recipients will be asked to:

- Provide a photograph and brief biography for promotion.
- Document how the scholarship was used (e.g., tuition, books).
- Attend the annual conference of the Colorado Native Plant Society or a meeting of a local chapter of the Colorado Native Plant Society.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Colorado Native Plant Society Board of Directors, or its designees, are solely responsible for evaluating scholarship applications and selecting recipients. Recipients will be selected based on how well the applicant addresses the missions of the Society and Alice Eastwood Collective. Scholarships will be awarded at least once every calendar year for the Fall Semester.

To be considered, complete applications must be received by e-mail attachment sent to Conpsoffice@aol.com on or before 1 December; cc: **christina.alba@botanicgardens**. Incomplete applications or those that are submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated. Applicants will be notified by mail of the Society's decision by 15 January.

The following criteria will be considered when evaluating and ranking applications:

- Quality of the proposal; competitive applications will be well written, thorough, and detailed, addressing each of the application requirements;
- Applicant's education, activities, work experience, and career goals as they advance the Society's mission;
- Applicant's interest in pursuing a graduate degree or career in botany, ecology, conservation, landscape architecture, horticulture, or environmental science emphasizing native plants;
- Faculty support.

Note: A strong nomination clearly specifies why the applicant should be considered; this may include a variety of indicators, such as commitment; motivation and enthusiasm; depth and breadth of interest in native plants; academic performance; outreach, research, and work experience; and extenuating circumstances and perseverance.

Who was Alice Eastwood?

Canadian by birth, Alice Eastwood moved to Denver in 1873 at the age of 14 to join her father and two siblings after the death of their young mother eight years earlier resulted in personal and financial hardship that disrupted family life. Alice attended East Denver High School, where she excelled as a student, despite having to work several jobs to help support her family. Upon graduating as valedictorian of her class, she was invited to teach at the high school. From 1879-1890, Alice Eastwood traveled extensively and fearlessly in Colorado, teaching herself botany using Asa Gray's(1878) *Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States* and *Synopsis of the Flora of Colorado* by Thomas C. Porter and John M. Coulter (1874). She explored the Southern Rocky Mountains on foot and on horseback, collecting well over 1200 plants, which later formed the basis for the herbarium at the University of Colorado Museum. In 1893, she published *A Popular Flora of Denver, Colorado*, one of three books and over 300 publications that she would author over the course of her life. Today, Alice Eastwood is remembered as an outstanding field botanist and horticulturalist, and beloved member of the various communities, scientific and otherwise, that she influenced. The Alice Eastwood Scholarship commemorates her contributions to a better understanding of the flora of Colorado.