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THE ROBERT FISK, JR. ANIMAL PROTECTION SCHOLARSHIP

Promoting the humane treatment of animals through education, advocacy and legislation. Leading animal protection into mainstream thinking.

Scholarships are designed to encourage and facilitate a new generation of leaders in animal welfare, animal protection and animal law.

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Robert Fisk, Jr. (Benefactor)

Robert Fisk, Jr. has had a number of successful professional careers, but it is his founding of and tireless work with Maine Friends of Animals and the animal protection movement that has left the most lasting impression of his life's considerable work. While serving in the state legislature, he recognized there was no organization focused on animal welfare legislation. Through default and osmosis, he became the go to person on animal protection issues in the legislature, which then became the genesis of Maine Friends of Animals in 1997.

The 'History Timeline' on the MFOA website lists the breadth and depth the organization has had in animal welfare in Maine, which includes submitting over 100 animal protection bills, a dozen of those which passed to help Maine companion animals. Robert has served as the President of the Board, Executive Director, and Chair of the Legislative Committee during his 30 years as founder. He has built an active Board and talented and dedicated staff to become one of the most respected state animal protection organizations in the nation.

He established an Endowment Fund through his will to provide the organization with on-going financial security into the future. Part of that Fund includes the Robert Fisk, Jr. Animal Protection Scholarship. He has enabled an early start of the scholarship through his private donation.

Policies and Procedures for Awarding Scholarships

Purpose of Scholarships. In the furtherance of its charitable and educational purposes, MFOA awards scholarships to Maine students in their pursuit of higher education related to the fields of animal welfare, animal protection and animal law; veterinary medicine and general conservation are not included. The scholarships are in the form of grants, and may be renewed, for students who intend to use their education and professional credentials to serve as leaders for a more humane world in the animal protection movement. Two $2,500 or one $5,000 scholarship(s) will be awarded annually to a high school senior or a student already enrolled at a college, university or graduate school. The Scholarship Fund may be increased if approved by two-thirds of the Board of Directors, but never reduced below $5,000.

Eligibility. An applicant must be a Maine high school senior or a Maine resident enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a college or university, currently studying or looking to pursue a career in animal protection. The scholarship may be awarded more than once to an individual. MFOA publishes a list of colleges, universities and graduate schools that offer a major or substantial animal welfare curriculum for applicants to assist in their consideration of a place of higher education. The scholarship is not restricted to the schools listed in the list; alternative schools and curriculums related to an animal welfare/protection/law career will be

considered. Students must submit an application and related materials listed under Selection Criteria. Scholarship grants are awarded without discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national, or ethnic origin.

Selection Criteria.

- Application, which includes general information, plan of study,, extra curriculum activities and volunteerism, particularly those related to animals, an essay question, and request for financial aid, if applicable
- High school GPA, copies of high school transcripts, or most recent college year course selection and grades
- Two or three letters of recommendation from teacher, adviser, employer, etc.
- Interview, as a finalist, at the MFOA office

Selection Process.

- Application and its supplements can be mailed or submitted to Maine Friends of Animals online. From www.mfoa.com go to the top of the menu and select 'About Us', then from the drop down select 'Robert Fisk, Jr. Animal Protection Scholarships'. It will be made available January 1 through April 1 each year.
- Top candidates will be interviewed by the selection committee in March and April. Selection is primarily based on the student's application, course of study and likely success in promoting animal welfare and protection through his or her future work.
- Selection of award winners will be made by the standing MFOA Scholarship Fund Committee (3-5 members) that will be selected by the Executive Director and Board President, and serve renewable three-year terms.
- Selection of award winners will be made by May 15th of each year.

Publicity of Scholarships. The MFOA application process includes a list of colleges, universities and graduate schools in the United States that offer a major or significant curriculum for those who wish to pursue a career in animal welfare, animal protection and/or animal law. MFOA will distribute the list to all Maine high school (public and private) guidance counselors, as well as to all college and universities listed herein to offer to prospective incoming or existing Maine students currently at those schools. Scholarships will also be publicized on the MFOA's website, Facebook, newsletters, Action Alerts, and some media.

Recognition. All scholarship recipients will be recognized in the appropriate settings. Names and photos of winners will be posted, along with previous winners, on the MFOA website, at the corporate office, and noted in the annual newsletter and local newspapers.

Payments. The scholarship grants are paid directly to the college or university, subject to its agreement to use the funds to defray the student's qualified tuition and related expenses only while the student is enrolled and in good standing, and the educational institution and program is consistent with the purposes and conditions of the grant. The scholarship grant is to be administered by the educational institution over the entirety of the academic year (i.e., split by term – e.g., semester or quarter – as appropriate to the institution) unless otherwise stated. The educational institution is instructed to refund to the Scholarship Fund any

remainder of the scholarship if the student withdraws mid-year or otherwise becomes ineligible for the grant.

Conflicts of Interest. Every member of the selection committee shall adhere to the relevant policies of the scholarship fund as they may be adopted and amended from time to time, including without limitation the organization's conflict of interest and confidentiality policies. Each member of any selection committee must disclose any personal knowledge of and relationship with any potential grantee under consideration, and refrain from participation in the award process in a circumstance where he or she would derive, directly or indirectly, a private benefit if any potential grantee or grantees are selected over others. In addition, descendants of Robert Fisk, Jr. or any other MFOA officer, director or employee shall be ineligible to receive a scholarship grant.

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APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

High School: _____ Address: _____
or
College: _____ Address: _____
What year entering: Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate school

- Description of intended program, course curriculum or educational focus in or towards animal welfare, animal protection and/or animal law:

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- Extra-curricular actives:

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- Activities related to engagement with animals:

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- If an applicant has a financial need, a written statement of need will be considered

- Essay:

Animal protection has come a long way in recent years, but so have the issues that still need to be addressed to end animal abuse in all its forms. What areas in the movement are you most attracted to? Why? (Up to 500 words).

- Submit your most current year of transcripts (see separate portal to download). Essay may also be submitted as a document via the portal.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE QUALIFYING PROGRAM EXAMPLES
ROBERT FISK, JR. ANIMAL PROTECTION SCHOLARSHIP

Canisius University

Program: B.S. in Animal Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation
Address: 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208
Description:
The Animal Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation Program combines the rigorous scientific study of Animal Behavior with a values-focused curriculum in the liberal arts tradition. It is for students who want to thoroughly understand the facts and theoretical underpinnings of animal behavior and who want to use that understanding to promote animal welfare and wildlife protection.
Contact: info@canisius.edu **Program URL**

Husson University

Program: B.S. in Animal Care and Behavior
Address: 1 College Circle, Bangor, ME 04401
Description:
As you pursue your animal care and behavior degree, you will learn about animal behavior and how they can be cared for in an ethical and responsible manner. You will acquire vital skills in handling, behavioral analysis, and health management, complemented by insights from veterinary science and psychology. In addition, our on-campus Certificate in Animal-Assisted Therapy and digital badges provide a variety of opportunities to gain additional expertise and career skills. Graduates are well prepared for exciting roles in nature preserves, animal welfare organizations, and beyond.
Contact: admit@husson.edu **Program URL**

Eastern Kentucky University

Program: B.S. in Animal Studies
Address: 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475
Description:
Animal Studies is an interdisciplinary major that concentrates on nonhuman animals, their interactions and relationships with people, and the mutual influences humans and nonhuman animals have on each other's existence, evolution, and history.
Contact: admissions@eku.edu **Program URL**

Tufts University

Program: M.S. in Animals and Public Policy
Address: 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536
Description:
Students in the M.S. in Animals and Public Policy (MAPP) program develop research, analytical, and communication skills that empower them to promote the status and welfare of animals and deepen public understanding of the role of animals in society.
Contact: capp@tufts.edu **Program URL**

Lewis & Clark Law School

Animal Law Programs
Address: 10101 S.Terwilliger Boulevard, Portland, OR 97219
Description:
The Animal Law MSL is designed for U.S. and international Bachelor's degree holders seeking to focus on animal law in teaching, research, academia, advocacy, policy, and more. The First Advanced Animal Law Legal Degree for Non-Lawyers in the United States. Join the most robust animal law program in the world and specialize your Juris Doctor degree to become part of the next generation of animal law advocates.
Contact: admissions@lclark.edu **Program URL**

Vermont Law and Graduate School

Animal Law Programs
Address: 164 Chelsea St., PO Box 96, South Royalton, VT 05068
Description:
The LLM in Animal Law is designed for students who want to focus their career on animal law and policy issues, including advancing legal protections for companion animals, wildlife, farmed animals, and animals used for entertainment and experimentation.
The Juris Doctor (JD) degree program at Vermont Law and Graduate School prepares students to engage in the general practice of law and to pursue careers in environmental or energy law, animal law, international law, criminal law, or other areas.

Contact: admiss@vermontlaw.edu **Program URL**

Harvard Law School

Animal Law & Policy Program
Address: 1607 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138
Description:
A goal of the Animal Law & Policy Program is to provide students with the opportunity to take multiple Animal Law-related courses and reading groups during their three years at Harvard Law School or other schools. The program is committed to analyzing and improving the treatment of animals through the legal system. The program engages with academics, students, practitioners, and decision-makers to foster discourse, facilitate scholarship, develop strategic solutions, and build innovative bridges between theory and practice in the rapidly evolving area of animal law and policy.
Contact: lnadj@law.harvard.edu **Program URL**

George Washington University

Animal Law Program
Address: 2000 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20052
Description:
The Animal Law program at GW Law provides an exceptionally broad range of educational and practical opportunities for law students while also providing pro bono services.GW Law offers instruction both in existing law (including the law affecting companion animals; animals used

for food, research, and entertainment; and wild animals at the state, federal, and international levels) and in the promotion of animal protection and welfare through legal reform.
Contact: admissions@law.gwu.edu **Program URL**

University of Virginia Law School

Animal Law Program
Address: 580 Massie Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903
Description:
Each year the program offers a class on animal law. Students taking the course examine a broad spectrum of issues, including animal cruelty laws, injury to and from animals, veterinary care and malpractice, property issues (including custody and trusts and wills), agriculture and food use of animals, biomedical use of animals, entertainment use of animals, and national and international wildlife law.
Contact: admissions@law.virginia.edu **Program URL**

Denver University: Sturm College of Law

Animal Law Program
Address: 2255 E. Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80208
Description:
The DU Animal Law Program is committed to educating the next generation of animal law advocates and in turn, for those advocates to enhance animal protection in the United States and around the world for generations to come.
Contact: LawAdmissions@du.edu **Program URL**

Yale Law School

Law, Environment & Animals Program
Address: 127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511
Description:
The Law, Environment & Animals Program (LEAP) at Yale Law School is dedicated to two overarching goals. First, we aim to inspire impactful learning and scholarship about the deep legal, scientific and moral questions that humanity's treatment of other animals raise. Second, we aim to empower Yale scholars and students to produce positive legal and political change for animals, people, and the environment upon which they depend.
Contact: admissions.law@yale.edu. **Program URL**

University of San Francisco

Animal Law
Address: 2130 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
Description:
The field of animal law tackles difficult practical questions about how to regulate the use of animals in major commercial sectors, as well as theoretical questions about animals' legal status and what our legal system owes animals as a matter of justice. USF's animal law

program instructs students on how the legal system deals with the mistreatment and neglect of the billions of animals in factory farms, research labs, puppy mills, and roadside zoos.
Contact: lawcommunications@usfca.edu **Program URL**

University of Maine Law School at The University of Southern Maine

Program: B.A. in Political Science / Law school
Address: 168 College Avenue, Orono, ME 04469
Description:
The University of Maine, “pre-law” is not a specific major or program. Rather, it indicates what interests you while still preparing for law school. This undergraduate pathway may interest students planning to pursue animal law in graduate studies. The Maine School of Law is located at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, which has a cross-disciplinary curriculum in animal protection, and hosts an Animal Legal Defense Fund school chapter.
Contact: umaineadmissions@maine.edu **Program URL**

University of New Hampshire

Program: B.S. Wildlife and Conservation Biology
Address: 3 Garrison Avenue, Durham, NH 03824
Description:
Understanding the complex relationship between animal species and their ecosystems is the first step to sustaining healthy wildlife populations and conserving Earth’s biodiversity. The program focuses on developing practical skills through research and conservation projects, equipping you for careers in environmental and endangered species protection and wildlife management.
Contact: admissions@unh.edu **Program URL**

Madonna University

Program: B.A. in Animal Studies
Address: 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48140
Description:
Madonna’s Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Animal Studies degree provides a solid foundation in the biological sciences, including zoology and animal behavior. Coursework also aims to build knowledge in animal ethics and religious views on animals, law and policies, and animal-assisted therapies.
Contact: admissions@madonna.edu. **Program URL**