

Open Letter to the Membership of the Carolina Bird Club

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Dear Members,

In February 1993, the Executive Board of the Carolina Bird Club voted to establish an annual award to encourage the involvement of young students in the study of birds. This award will be a monetary prize of at least \$300 taken from the royalties earned from the sale of *Birds of the Carolinas* by Eloise Potter, James Parnell and Robert Teulings.

The authors' goal in establishing this fund was threefold. First, they wished to use it as a mechanism to thank the many volunteers who had contributed information and photographs that were used in the book. Second, they wanted to recruit more young people into the study of Carolina birds. Finally, as former editors of either *The Chat* or the column *Briefs for the Files*, they were trying to solicit more submissions of manuscripts for publication in *The Chat*. As the present editor of *The Chat*, I heartily applaud this last goal.

My purpose in writing to you at this time is to make you aware of the existence of this award and to encourage you to make this information available to your students. I have enclosed a copy of the administrative procedures for implementing the program to use as guidelines in making nominations.

The Chair of the Award Committee for this year is:

Mr. Peter Worthington
716 Almond Drive
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Sincerely,

H. T. Hendrickson, Editor
The Chat

Administration of CBC Scholarship Committee

1. The President of CBC should appoint a Scholarship Committee under the provisions of Article XI, Subarticle II (section on General Committees). Appointments should be made by 1 July.
2. This committee shall be composed of four members of the Carolina Bird Club (one Vice President who shall serve as Chair, the Editor of *The Chat*, the editor emeritus of *The Chat* and one other person).
3. This committee will report directly to the Executive Board and have no authority to spend money without approval of the Executive Board.
4. The Scholarship Committee shall send out annually (by 1 September) a call/notice asking for nominees for the scholarship. This call/notice should be sent to all professional ornithologists in the Carolinas. These people will be primarily from college and university biology departments but may also include others who might have contact with students of bird biology, such as museum curators, non-game species personnel with the state wildlife agencies or key contacts within the state departments of Public Instruction. This same call/notice shall be sent to the general membership of the Carolina Bird Club by means of the *CBC Newsletter* and *The Chat*.
5. The Scholarship Committee shall keep all potential nominators informed about the guidelines for selection of scholarship recipients (see points 8, 9 and 10 below) and amounts of funds available.
6. The Scholarship Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee a report of nominations received and recommendations for scholarship awards by the annual Winter Meeting.
7. The Scholarship Committee shall submit to the Editors of *The Chat* and the *CBC Newsletter* information about the Scholarship Committee's work for publication after action has been taken by the Executive Board at the annual Winter Meeting.
8. As the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage ornithological studies by young people, the nominees must have been registered students at some recognized "school" at the time that the "work" was done. Student status can be established by recommendation by a recognized (recognizable) faculty advisor.
9. The "work" may be any publishable information about any aspect of birds in the Carolinas. There must be a document (paper, manuscript) that can be published in *The Chat* or some other ornithological journal. (Our intent here is to reward work that has been done, not work that is planned or will be done.)
10. All nominations for scholarship awards must be submitted in quadruplicate to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee by 1 December.
11. Presentation of the Scholarship Awards shall be made at the annual Spring Meeting.