

## **Conservation Awards Committee**

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### **Mission:**

This Committee administers two awards, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award and the Murie Family Award. These awards were established by the ASM Board of Directors in 2002, but until 2020, the Murie Family Award was known as the William T. Hornaday Award. The Aldo Leopold Award was created to recognize a well-established individual who has made a lasting scientific contribution to the conservation of mammals and their habitats. The Murie Family Award was created to recognize a current graduate or undergraduate student who has made a significant contribution as a student to the conservation of mammals and their habitats. As of 2019, the Murie Family award is open to students AND early career researchers within 5 years of their terminal degree

### **Information Items:**

(1) The Conservation Awards Committee solicits nominations for the Leopold Conservation Award and the Murie Family Conservation Award. This year was AGAIN challenging because of COVID-19; nominations for the Leopold award were quite limited, and we received no nominations for the Murie Family award. Nominations were evaluated by the Committee and our recommendation was forwarded to the ASM Board of Directors for their consideration. The Leopold Award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the 2022 Meeting in Tucson, AZ.

### **Action Items:**

(1) Budget request of **\$900** = \$900 for the Leopold Award (\$300 for the plaque and \$600 for travel costs--domestic) to bring the awardee to the Annual Meeting in Tucson and pay their registration costs.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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