



## **EMILY M. HEWITT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## **STEPHEN K. STOCKING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **WHO WAS EMILY HEWITT**

Emily was an artist, author, teacher and a docent at Calaveras Big Trees State Park whose life found meaning when communicating her love of nature to others. As a University of California and California State College educated teacher, Emily combined literature and the natural sciences to vibrantly present her lessons. As the first woman mayor of the City of Oakdale CA, she fought for the preservation of agricultural lands on the fringe of urbanization. As an artist, she captured the essence of the Sierra Nevada, Pacific Coast, and the desert in oils, watercolors, fabric, clay and other media. She was pretty, petite, positive, energetic, compassionate, and thoughtful. The Hewitt family created the Emily M. Hewitt Scholarship in her memory and continues to support its purpose of helping California students attend college.

### **WHO WAS STEPHEN K. STOCKING**

Steve was also a teacher, an author, and a docent at Calaveras Big Trees State Park as well as a park naturalist at Sequoia National Park. He taught biology at San Joaquin Delta College for more than 30 years. Steve could give you an education on just about anything that walked, flew, or grew; from mice to mountain lions and from songbirds to sequoias. His mantra was, "Make every walk a field trip and every meal a picnic." Calaveras Big Trees Association created the Stephen K. Stocking Memorial Scholarship in Steve's memory to inspire young naturalists to pursue a career in the footsteps of a great friend of Calaveras Big Trees State Park who dedicated his life to educating the conservationists of tomorrow.

### **PURPOSE of SCHOLARSHIPS**

To provide a monetary award of \$3,000.00 for a promising upper division or graduate student who shows a commitment to communicate and interpret a love of nature and an understanding of the need to practice conservation.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility for application is extended to any student or graduate student enrolled full-time in an accredited California post-secondary educational institution whose educational career goals clearly are directed towards communicating and interpreting nature's wonder. Students pursuing degrees in: climate change, environmental protection, forestry, wildlife and fisheries, biology, parks and recreation,

park management, environmental law and public policy, environmental art, and California history are encouraged to apply. Dedication to the ideals of the scholarship's honoree will be considered at least as important as financial need in making the award.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

A completed application should include the following:

- Statement of personal and career goals
- Resume (and portfolio, if applicable)
- Transcripts of all college work completed to date (unofficial transcripts can be used)

Materials sent on behalf of the applicant will become the property of the Calaveras Big Trees Association and will not be returned. Applications must be received by email or postmarked by **APRIL 15, 2026**.

Applicants need only to fill out one application to be considered for both scholarships.

### **FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

- [cbta@bigtrees.org](mailto:cbta@bigtrees.org) with all attachments in PDF format,
- or mailed to  
**CBTA Scholarships**  
**PO Box 1196**  
**Arnold CA 95223**

### **SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

The scholarship committee will select finalists who will be invited to attend a virtual interview with the committee. All applicants will then be notified in the month of May after the scholarship winners have been determined. The awards will be announced to the association membership at the annual meeting in June when the winners will be asked to briefly share their vision and goals with the members present. The scholarship funds will be distributed to the recipient through the college financial aid office upon enrollment in the Fall Semester.



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APPLICATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS** where you will be after May 15

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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE THAT YOU WILL ATTEND WHERE WE WILL BE SENDING THE FUNDS:**

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**FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS** (where we will send the funds)

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