

Minnesota Ornithologists' Union – Savaloja Grants Program

The Minnesota Ornithologists' Union (MOU) is committed to fostering the study of birds, increasing public interest in birds, and promoting preservation of birds and their natural habitats. Toward these ends, the MOU annually considers funding requests for bird-related projects.

The amount awarded per request is dependent upon the moneys available in any given year and upon the number of requests approved. Not all requests are funded.

Application procedure

Applicants should submit complete answers to the following questions:

1. Please give the name and address of the person/organization submitting the request, as well as a telephone number and email address.
2. What is the project for which you are requesting funds? What is its goal? How will it benefit birds or increase our understanding of birds?
3. Where, specifically, will the project be conducted? (Priority will be given to projects that take place entirely or predominantly within the state of Minnesota.)
4. On what dates is the project expected to begin and end?
5. Please describe how the project will be carried out. In addition, please be sure to include the following information for specific kinds of projects:
 - a. If this is a scientific study or monitoring project, indicate how the data will be analyzed, and how the results will be used.
 - b. If this is a monitoring project, indicate where the data will be maintained and who will have access to the data.
 - c. If this is an educational or bird appreciation project, indicate how many members of the public will be reached by this project. What are the plans for making the public aware of this project?
6. What personnel will be involved in this project, and what are their qualifications? If this is a scientific study, please include the researcher's institutional affiliation(s), and indicate what other investigators have been consulted in developing this project.
7. What amount of money are you requesting from the MOU? Please include a specific budget, with justification for expenditures. (Priority will be given to funding costs of materials, transportation, equipment, etc., as opposed to compensation for time.)
8. Will additional funds, beyond this request, be required to finish the project? How much? From what other sources have you requested funding? If this is

a long term project, how will it be funded in subsequent years? (The MOU is interested in providing support to initiate long term projects, but is unable to provide support indefinitely.)

9. Does this project require cooperation with other individuals/organizations? Have such individuals/organizations agreed to cooperate? Does this project require permits or approvals? Have such permits or approvals been obtained?
10. How will the project recognize the MOU?

Applications should be emailed to: grants@moumn.org Alternatively, applications may be mailed to: Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History, 10 Church Street Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55455. **Deadline for receipt of grant applications is February 1, 2012.**

Stipulations:

1. Financial support by the MOU must be acknowledged in all published material associated with the project.
2. A report on the project, including a detailed list of expenditures, must be submitted by January 1, 2013.
3. Receipt of an award does not imply employment with the MOU.

Funding recipients will be notified in April 2012.