

CDCWMA Grant Fund By-Laws

Article 1 – Name

The Central DeWitt County Wildlife Management Association Grant Fund (Fund)

Article II – Purpose

The Central DeWitt County Wildlife Management Association (CDCWMA) Grant Fund is an internally administered fund for:

- A. Active members and their families and all residents of DeWitt and the adjoining counties seeking degrees from colleges and universities in wildlife conservation, enforcement or management disciplines.
- B. Scholarships for members of the CDCWMA who participate in the association activities and / or contests.
- C. Other Charitable Distributions made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article III – Directors

- A. General – The business and long – term financial investments of this Fund shall be managed by its Board of Directors.
- B. Directors – The current CDCWMA Board of Directors will serve this capacity.

Article IV – Director Meetings

- A. General – Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be agreed upon by call of a majority of the Board.
- B. Notice – Notice of any meeting shall be given at least five days previous to each director. Notice should be written but can be verbally accepted by the receiving director. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.
- C. Quorum – A majority of the number of directors fixed by these By-Laws shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
- D. Voting – Each member of the Board shall have one vote in deciding business brought to the Board. A majority of the vote carries any legal, legitimate business of the Fund.

Article V – The Officers of this fund will be the Officers of the CDCWMA.

Article VI – Wildlife Studies Scholarships

- A. General – Grants shall be available to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled as full time students in a higher educational institution, who excel in scholarship and who require financial assistance to enable such individuals to meet the expense of higher education in pursuit of an academic degree in wildlife conservation enforcement or management disciplines.

- B. Amount and Terms – The amount and conditions of any grant shall be established by the Officers of the Fund.
- C. Application – The application process shall be established and administered by the Officers of the Fund.
- D. The amounts donated will be based on funds availability and will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article VII – Member Participation Scholarships

- A. The criteria for grant awards are as follows:
 - a. Must be child, grandchild, or dependent of CDCWMA member in good standing.
 - b. Grant award is based on participation in one or more of the CDCWMA activities or contests for a period of five or more years.
 - c. During program implementation and for new members, grant amounts will be pro-rated based on the number of years participating. Two years minimum is required.
- B. The amount and specific conditions of any grant shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. Students will be eligible to receive one scholarship.
- D. Grant funds will be paid directly to the educational institution.
- E. The amounts donated will be based on funds availability and will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Charitable Distributions

- A. The CDCWMA may at any time make charitable distributions to organizations / activities that promote wildlife education, game management, good land stewardship, or promote hunting / fishing activities. Priority consideration will be given, but not restricted to local organizations that qualify for 501c(3) status.
- B. Donation decisions are made based on 2/3 vote of the CDCWMA Board of Directors.
- C. The amounts donated will be based on funds availability and will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.
- D. Association members will be informed of charitable distributions, either at Association meetings, or by newsletter to the members.

Article IX – Amendments to the By-Laws

- A. General – Additions or changes to these By-Laws may be considered necessary for the operation of this Fund and may be brought forward to the Board of Directors from any active member of the CDCWMA.
- B. Instituting Change – These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Article X – The awarding of Grants does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability.