



## Evaluation of Applicants for WDA Scholarship Award

Candidates are evaluated and scored for each of the following five categories:

### I. Scholarship (summarize from transcripts)

*GPA scoring:* Students are scored on undergraduate grade point average and graduate/professional school grade point average separately. Students not scored on the 4.0 or percentile (0-100%) grade point systems should include an official explanation of grade point or grade score systems used at their institutions, and preferably provide a conversion of their scores to a 4.0 or percentile system.

### II. Awards/scholarships (included in submitted CV)

Students are scored on the number of grants, scholarships, and other awards received.

*Scoring Tier 1:* Students without a graduate research degree or residency completed are scored on the number of grants and scholarships received.

*Scoring Tier 2:* Students with a graduate research degree or residency completed are scored on the number of grants and scholarships received.

### III. Letters

Letters of recommendation (**up to 2**) are scored on the following criteria:

*Candidate qualities:* For each letter, each quality **directly** mentioned and substantiated by the writer receives one point. Qualities include: *academic achievement, scholarly promise, research ability, oral and written communications skills, industriousness, leadership abilities, judgment, and potential for contribution to the field of wildlife diseases.*

*Neatness:* One point is subtracted if letter is poorly written (spelling errors, improper format).

*Conciseness:* One point is subtracted for every page above 2 that is written.

### IV. Communications (included in submitted CV)

Student's ability to communicate is evaluated based on number of professional presentations.

*Scoring Tier 1:* Students without a graduate research degree or residency completed.

*Scoring Tier 2:* Students with a graduate research degree or residency completed.

Presentations with student as first author receive a higher score.

**V. Research potential (included in submitted CV)**

Students are scored by the number of peer-reviewed publications.

*Scoring Tier 1:* Students without a graduate research degree or residency completed.

*Scoring Tier 2:* Students with a graduate research degree or residency completed.

Publications with student as first author receive a higher score.

**VI. Disqualifications**

Items missing from application.

Submission received after deadline.