

Fred Case Grant

The Native Orchid Conference announces the sponsorship of an annual grant of up to \$1,000.00 in the memory of Mr. Frederick W. Case, Jr. The purpose of the grant is to support basic or applied research on orchids native to North America north of Mexico. The grant will be awarded to a university graduate or undergraduate student based on the conditions listed below. Although the initial award will be made starting in 2012, the NOC will undertake to raise sufficient funds to perpetually endow the grant.

Fred Case, teacher and botanist, passed away on January 12, 2011. He was an internationally acclaimed expert on the North American *Orchidaceae*, *Sarraceniaceae* and *Trilliaceae*, and his enthusiasm inspired many to participate in our shared interest. An honored educator for four decades, Fred received numerous awards and recognition for his achievements. He was widely published and lectured extensively nationally and internationally on orchids, rock gardening and wildflowers. Fred was associated with Cranbrook Institute of Science, Mt. Cuba Center, University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Longwood Gardens, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Committee on Endangered and Threatened Plants, Michigan Botanical Club, North American Rock Garden Society, Saginaw Valley Audubon Society, Saginaw Valley Orchid Society and Nature Conservancy. His book, *Orchids of the Western Great Lakes*, was a seminal work in regional orchid floras and remains the standard work by which all others are judged.

The Native Orchid Conference

The Native Orchid Conference (NOC) is a 501c-3 non-profit educational and conservation organization, whose purposes are to

- promote the study, conservation, and enjoyment of the native orchids of the United States and Canada;
- disseminate information relating to native orchids through meetings, lectures, publications and otherwise;
- operate on a non-profit basis solely for benevolent, charitable, scientific and educational purposes useful to the public.

We educate the public about the beauty, diversity and environmental importance of native orchids through our Journal, an annual conference, lectures, symposia, workshops and field trips as well as sponsorship of research projects and other activities. We encourage the preservation and protection of naturally occurring plant communities on public and private land, participate in plant rescue projects and support the preservation and restoration of natural habitat. We support the availability of nursery grown native orchids to lessen destruction of wild populations.

The Fred Case Grant Program

The Native Orchid Conference will award an annual grant of up to \$1000 to support research on native orchids of North America, north of Mexico. The grant will be awarded to a graduate or undergraduate university student for projects in basic or applied research in botanical or horticultural areas that are in consonance with the purposes of the NOC, as summarized above.

Eligible Projects

Projects eligible for funding may include but are not limited to the following:

- Orchid systematics
- Surveys of natural areas
- Research into protection of endangered species
- Horticultural research involving native orchids
- Restoration of native species or habitats
- Molecular research

How to Apply

There is no standardized application form; however, the request for funding must include the following:

- Name, address, phone number and e-mail address, and date submitted. Please provide contact information where the committee can reach you for clarification even when away from home or school.
- A short statement explaining your specific interest in native orchids.
- A concise project description (no more than two pages) that includes a summary. The description should include a statement describing the need for the project, its location, objectives, hypotheses where appropriate, means of data collection and analysis methodology, who benefits and how from the research. Also include names of other organizations involved. Highlight aspects of the work that you believe are important and creative and a statement as to how the project will advance the knowledge of North America's native orchids. You may wish to include brief but relevant references to published literature within the two page description.
- The application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a sponsor, such as an academic supervisor or major professor. (One page limit)
- Proposed project schedule. Regardless of project length, grants will be made annually.
- Project budget; summarize how NOC grant funds will be used. Show how additional funds or support, if expected or received, fit into the overall budget. NOC encourages applicants to seek additional funding elsewhere.
- Tuition or conference registration expenses are not acceptable uses of the NOC grant.

Grant Submission Process

Completed requests for funding must be received by the Grant Committee Chair by January 31.

All requests for funding must be submitted in writing and by electronic mail.

The NOC Grant Committee will review the applications and determine a winner. The committee will have rotating members and be announced each year on the NOC Yahoo web site.

The winner will be announced at the annual conference of the NOC.

At the end of the academic year for which the grant is applied, the grant winner must agree to provide an accounting of the use of grant funds, submit an article for the Native Orchid Conference Journal and give a presentation of their work at an NOC annual conference.

Mail applications to: Chairman, Case Grant Committee
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