



NEW YORK STATE ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

for the birds and birders of New York State since 1948

Lillian C. Stoner Award

Call for Nominations – Deadline June 20, 2012

In 1975 Lillian Stoner, a founding member of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs (now NYSOA), donated money to the organization to establish a fund to enable a student to attend the Annual Meeting each year. Mrs. Stoner did not intend to recognize past achievement with this award, but rather to foster a promising young person's interest in birds and ornithology by offering the education and experience of the fall conference.

NYSOA considers student nominees and selects winners in accordance with Lillian Stoner's intent as described above. Candidates may be anywhere along the birding skill spectrum from beginner (feeder watcher) to advanced (self-directed researcher). Our objective is to select winners whose attendance at the Annual Meeting will positively influence their desire to pursue birding and/or ornithology as a lifelong interest.

If you know a grade 9-12 or college student who you feel would benefit from attending NYSOA's Annual Meeting, please consider nominating him or her for the Stoner Award. Nominations can be made by NYSOA member clubs/organizations or individual NYSOA members. To make a nomination, complete page 1 of the attached form, have the nominee complete page 2, and send it to the address shown below.

Each nominee is required to write a **brief** paragraph (100-150 words) telling why he or she would like to attend the Annual Meeting and what he or she hopes to gain from this experience. If photography or art is the nominee's main interest, an original sketch or photograph plus a sentence or two would be an appropriate substitute for a paragraph.

Every student nominee for this award (whether a winner or not) will receive a one year membership in NYSOA. Each Stoner Award winner will receive a certificate and a monetary award to help defray the cost of attending the Annual Meeting. Winners will be honored publicly at the Annual Meeting and announced in NYSOA's publications and on its website.

Please note that the deadline for nominations is June 20, 2012.

Send nominations to:
Gail Kirch, Awards Chair
1099 Powderhouse Rd.
Vestal, NY 13850
Gkirch@stny.rr.com



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this page to be completed by **Nominator**

Submission Deadline: June 20, 2011

Name of student being nominated

Grade in school or year in college

Nominee's Mailing address

Nominee's Telephone

Nominee's Email Address

Name of nominating NYSOA Member Club/Organization (and contact person) or Individual NYSOA Member

Nominator's Contact information (Tel. or mailing and/or Email address)

***Nominator:* Below or on a separate page, please explain why you feel this student should be honored with the Stoner Award to help him or her attend the 2011 NYSOA Annual Meeting.**

Nominator signature

Date

Please have the nominee complete the next page and send both pages to:
Gail Kirch, 1099 Powderhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 or e-mail: gkirch@stny.rr.com



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Nominee:

Write a *brief* paragraph (100-150 words) below explaining why you would like to attend the NYSOA Annual Meeting and what you think you would gain from attending this conference. If Photography or bird-related art is your main interest, attach a sample of your work.

Nominee (student) signature

Date