

## 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 depends upon the money available in any given year and 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 (project administrator), 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, increase our understanding of birds, or expand or diversify Minnesota's birding community?
3. Where, specifically, will the project be conducted? (Projects should 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. Please be sure to include the following information:
  - a. If this is a scientific study or monitoring project, indicate how the data will be collected and analyzed, and how the results will be used.
  - b. If this is a monitoring project, also 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, how will the public be made aware of this project, and how many members of the public will be reached?
  - d. For any of these types of projects, will it include or reach people of color? If so, how many, or what proportion of the expected participants?
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 any other investigators consulted in developing this project.
7. What amount of money are you requesting from the MOU, and will you accept a grant for less than the requested amount? Please include an itemized budget, with justifications for expenditures. The committee will consider costs of materials, transportation, equipment, and reasonable compensation for time, among others. Personal vehicle travel budgets should use a rate of \$0.20/mile.
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? If this project require permits or approvals, have they been obtained?
10. How will the project recognize the MOU? We particularly encourage reaching out to local media to publicize your project, and MOU's participation.

Applications should be emailed to: [grants@moumn.org](mailto:grants@moumn.org).

**Deadline for receipt of grant applications is January 31, 2017.**

### Stipulations:

1. Financial support by the MOU must be acknowledged in all published material associated with the project.
2. A report on the project must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2017. It should include a summary of objectives, methods and results, and in an appendix, a detailed list of expenditures. These will be posted to the MOU website, so pdf format is appropriate.
3. Receipt of an award does not imply employment with the MOU.

Grant recipients are encouraged to give a presentation on their project at the annual MOU meeting on December 2, 2017, and submit a paper for publication in *The Loon*, journal of The Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, or an article for the newsletter *Minnesota Birding*.

Funding recipients will be notified in April 2017.