

David A. Bischel Forestry Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of David Bischel, a distinguished professional in the forest products sector. Dave was an alumnus of both UC Berkeley and UC Davis, and a Registered Professional Forester. He began his career as a field forester for the Fibreboard Corporation in Truckee and later served as the forestry manager for the Southern Pacific Land Company in Mt. Shasta. Dave's career progressed as he became the Executive Officer for the Foresters Licensing program, and subsequently, the Executive Officer of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. In this role, he played a crucial part in developing significant changes to the Forest Practice Rules, emphasizing water quality and the protection of fish and wildlife.

In 1995, Dave became the President of Calforests, a position he held for 22 years until his retirement in 2017. Throughout his career, he was a passionate advocate for active forest management and promoted sound forest practices in various forums, including serving as the past president of the California Licensed Foresters Association, organizing forestry tours for policymakers, participating in legislative panels, and presenting before regulatory boards and commissions. Dave was also deeply involved in his local community. He passed away on April 25, 2019.

To honor Dave Bischel's contributions and commitment to the forest products sector, The Forest Foundation and the California Forestry Association have established the David A. Bischel Forestry Scholarship Program. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who exemplifies Dave's passion for forestry and active management to promote sound forest principles.

Eligibility

Students pursuing a career in forestry are eligible to apply. Applicants must be entering their junior year, senior year, or be graduate students at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, or Cal Poly Humboldt.

Scholarship Description

One or more awards of at least \$2,500 each will be granted for the academic year starting in the fall of 2023. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2024. The selection process will occur on May 30, 2024, with the announcement of the awards in early June. Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, or enrollment in a degree-related accredited summer learning program.

Application Process

To apply, complete the application form below and submit it along with your resume and a copy of your current transcript showing completed university courses and grades.

Applications must be received by April 30, 2024. Please note that the application period for 2024 is now closed.

For any questions or concerns, contact us at soliver@calforests.org.