

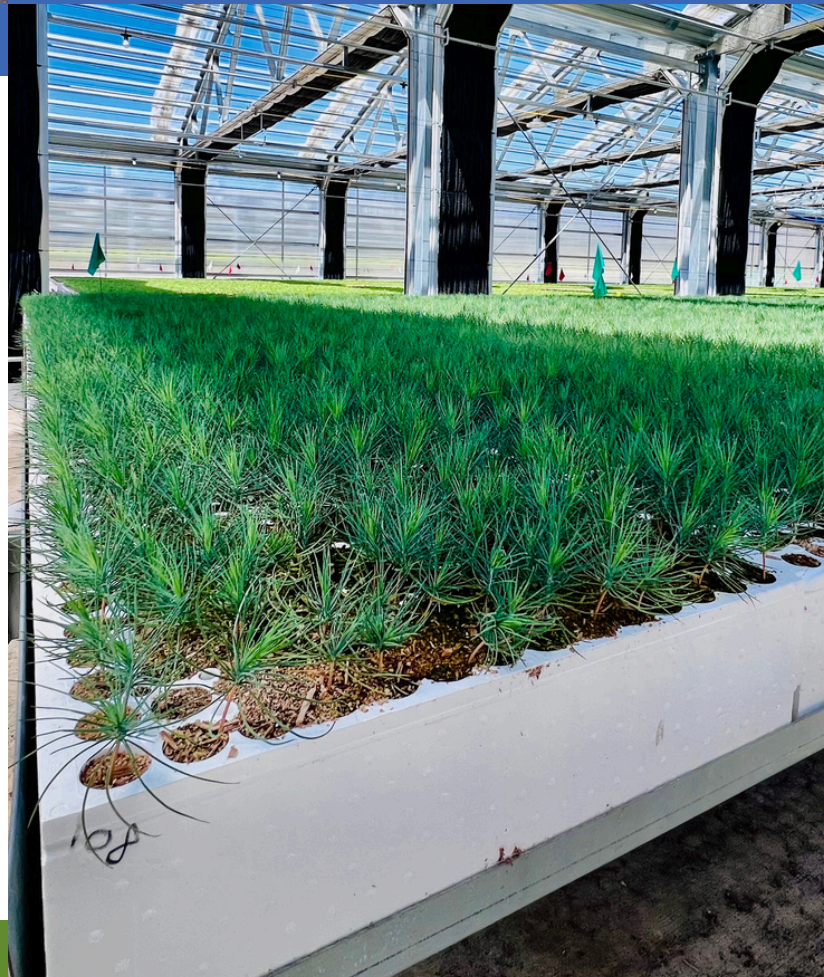


David A. Bischel Forestry Scholarship

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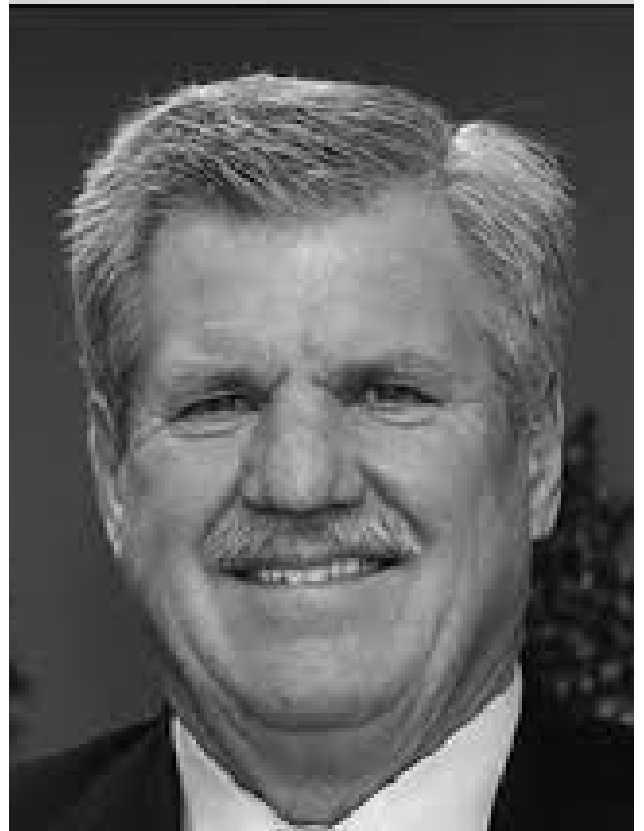
Honoring the Legacy of David A. Bischel

This scholarship honors the memory of David Bischel, a graduate of both UC Berkeley and UC Davis, and a Registered Professional Forester. Dave began his career as a field forester, always maintaining a passion for working in the woods.

Later in his career, Dave served his profession as the Executive Officer for the Foresters Licensing Program and the Executive Officer of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. In 1995, Dave became the President and CEO of the California Forestry Association, a role he held for twenty-two years.

Throughout his career, Dave was a staunch advocate for active forest management and promoted sound forest practices. He retired from Calforests in 2017 and, on April 25, 2019, passed away after a battle with cancer.

To honor Dave Bischel's contributions and commitment to the forestry sector, The Forest Foundation and the California Forestry Association are collaborating to provide the David A. Bischel Scholarship Program in his memory. This scholarship will be awarded to students who embody Dave's passion for forestry and active management to promote sound forest principles.



Brendan Baker

UC Berkeley

Brendan is a student at UC Berkeley, set to graduate in the Fall of 2025. He is dedicated to completing his degree in Ecosystem Management and Forestry, with a specialization in Conservation and Resource Studies.



Facts about Brendan:

Hometown: New York City

Hobbies: Ice Hockey, Rock Climbing, Ultra-marathons, Hiking, Camping.

Describe the feeling you get when you find yourself in a forest: I feel at peace. It is very calming despite containing very complex interactions that can't always be seen.

One thing you love about the forestry sector and why: The people in the industry are very supportive and welcoming. I love working with these people to properly manage the forests.

What are some things you tell your family/friends that help to broaden their understanding of the forestry sector and its importance: Despite the danger, fire is necessary in a healthy forest ecosystem.

Ella Bracchi

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Ella is a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, on track to graduate this December. She is committed to finishing her degree in Forest and Fire Sciences.



Facts about Ella:

Hometown: Sacramento

Hobbies: Cooking, reading, hiking, knitting.

Describe the feeling you get when you find yourself in a forest: When I'm in a forest I feel thankful that I have found a job that involves working in my favorite ecosystem type!

One thing you love about the forestry sector and why: I love the balance between office and field work, getting to eat my lunch on a log when out in the woods, and getting to be around heavy equipment every so often!

What are some things you tell your family/friends that help to broaden their understanding of the forestry sector and its importance: I state the importance of the forest products industry for rural communities in generating income and employment

Jillian Eymann

Cal Poly Humboldt

Jillian is a student at Cal Poly Humboldt, scheduled to graduate this December. She is dedicated to finishing her degree in Forestry, with a focus on Restoration.



Facts about Jillian:

Hometown: Grass Valley, CA

Hobbies: hiking, rock climbing, star gazing, yoga, reading, and doing jigsaw puzzles!

Describe the feeling you get when you find yourself in a forest: Stepping into a forest always helps me center and breathe; I feel grounded in a way I don't feel anywhere else.

One thing you love about the forestry sector and why: I love the diversity of jobs and the opportunities for innovation as the whole sector increasingly shifts towards an emphasis on sustainability and the need to build resiliency into our forest ecosystems.

What are some things you tell your family/friends that help to broaden their understanding of the forestry sector and its importance: None of us can separate ourselves from the forestry sector; from the products/materials we use directly and indirectly, to recreating in forested landscapes most people love, and the increasing impact of forest management on fire behavior and risk to communities. In the best case scenario, if we manage forests well, wood as well as other non-timber forest products can (and must) be renewable resources that can help in our transition from fossil fuels. Forest management can also increase carbon sequestration while building landscapes that can be resilient in the face of a changing climate and continue offering the ecosystem services we all rely on, whether we directly acknowledge them or not.

Scholarship Information



Eligibility

Students who are entering their junior year, are seniors or are graduate students in a forestry program at UC Berkeley, CalPoly San Luis Obispo, Humboldt State University, or UC Davis are eligible to apply.

Description of Scholarship

One or more awards of at least \$2,500 each will be made annually, and scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, or enrollment in a related degree and accredited summer learning program. This is the second year the Bischel Forestry Scholarships have been awarded.

Learn more at calforestfoundation.org.