

## **KALAMAZOO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

### **GEORGE L. DISBOROUGH TROUT UNLIMITED RESEARCH GRANT**

#### **Purpose and Sponsor**

The George L. Disborough Trout Unlimited Research Grant was established by the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited to recognize and support studies of trout habitat or other projects consistent with the goals and objectives of Trout Unlimited. KVCTU's goals are to preserve wild rivers, clean up polluted waters, maintain early warning Water Quality Surveillance programs, educate the public through workshops and seminars, and speak for the concerns of all anglers and conservationists.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

The grant will be awarded based on the merit of the proposed project and not on the financial need of the applicant. The project must be consistent with the mission of Trout Unlimited, take place in North America, and the recipient must be a citizen of the United States and a graduate student at an accredited college or university.

#### **Selection Criteria**

The grant will be awarded based on the project location, subject, distinctiveness, and scientific method of implementation. Preference will be given to studies favoring resident stream salmonids rather than studies on anadromous fish. The written proposal, talents required to perform the project, the candidate's grade point average, and place of residence will also be considered.

#### **Specifications of the Award**

The value of the award is up to \$3,000. Normally, the grant will be for one year; however, it is possible that the grant may be renewed providing the applicant is able to demonstrate the merit of a renewal to the Advisory Committee and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation Board of Trustees.

#### **Application and Award Procedures**

Applications are available through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, 402 East Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 and on the website at [www.kalfound.org](http://www.kalfound.org). The completed application must be addressed to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and postmarked no later than **March 1, 2024**.

The successful candidate will be notified in early spring and will receive the grant upon his/her return of a letter of acceptance for the award.

#### **For Additional Information**

For more information, contact Hollywood Watkins at 269.381.4416 or [hwatkins@kalfound.org](mailto:hwatkins@kalfound.org).

## KALAMAZOO VALLEY CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED

### **What**

The mission of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to preserve, protect and enhance cold-water resources. The Chapter's goals are to preserve wild rivers, clean up polluted waters, maintain early warning Water Quality Surveillance programs, educate the public through workshops and seminars and speak for the concerns of all anglers and conservationists. In addition, members of Trout Unlimited monitor pollution and fight environmental abuse, work with state government agencies for better water resource management and work with congress and federal government agencies for the protection and wise management of America's fishing waters.

### **Who**

The Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited currently boasts membership of more than 300. The National Trout Unlimited organization has a membership of more than 50,000 concerned conservationists.

### **Why**

Many of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited's activities help to create more awareness of the coldwater fisheries resource. Member meetings, outings, fishing experiences for underprivileged children and boy scouts, as well as public appearances at local events all help to increase awareness of KVCTU'S ideals.

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**RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last/First/Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/year): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, are you a Permanent Resident Alien? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of the State of Michigan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, in which county do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Undergraduate College(s) Attended	Dates	Degree Earned	GPA
_____	_____ - _____	_____	_____
_____	_____ - _____	_____	_____
_____	_____ - _____	_____	_____

Graduate School You are Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a full-time student? ☐ Yes ☐ No Degree Level: ☐ Master's ☐ PhD

Anticipated Date of College Graduation (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

## RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION

If you have applied for any other support for this project, please complete the following information.

Source of Funds	\$ Requested	\$ Granted	\$ Pending
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Name of Your Research Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the following format for writing your research grant proposal.

I. Describe your research project – making certain that responses to the following questions are provided:

- Where will your project be located?
- What is the subject of your project?
- What is the goal of your project?
- What method will you utilize to complete your project?
- What unique talents or special abilities, if any, will be required of you in order to complete this project?

II. Describe your anticipated project costs.

III. Explain why you believe you deserve this research grant.

## REFERENCES

Please provide the following information for the person you have asked to write a letter in support of this application for a research grant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form and in my project description is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_

Please return this application and the description of your research project to:

**Kalamazoo Community Foundation**  
**402 East Michigan Avenue**  
**Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3888**  
**Telephone 269.381.4416 • Facsimile 269.381.3146**

Only complete application packets postmarked by March 1, 2024  
will be considered.