**The Joseph G. Schotthoefer Memorial Student Award**

**Safari Club International, Michigan Involvement Committee**

The Safari Club International (SCI) Michigan Involvement Committee (MIC) is a non-profit corporation composed of representatives of each of the Michigan chapters of SCI. The Committee coordinates collaboration between SCI, its Michigan chapters, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR); provides scholarships and grants to graduate students; and supports other wildlife conservation and education activities deemed appropriate by the organization.

**The Award**

**Goal:** To preserve and perpetuate the right to hunt and the commitment to conservation within the wildlife profession and potential future leaders of the DNR.

**Purpose:** To provide financial assistance to a graduate student, preferably one working on a DNR-funded university research project associated with the preservation of hunting.

**Fund Financing:**  A minimum annual fund of $3,000 has been established by SCI-MIC to finance the grant program. Additional grants may be awarded if funding is available. Grant amounts may vary depending upon the number of awards and the fund balance.

**Award Duration:** The grant will be available for use for one year between September 1 and August 31 of the next year. An award recipient can compete for additional grants in subsequent years with other applicants. If invited by participating chapters, each selected student will be required to visit the chapter at least once during the year of the award.

**How to Apply**

**To Be Eligible:**

1. Student must be accepted or enrolled in a Wildlife or related discipline graduate program at a college or university in Michigan.
2. Must be planning a career in the Wildlife Management field.
3. Student must be familiar with hunting, hunting ethics, the role of hunting in wildlife management, and hunting’s role in society.
4. If enrolled in a MS or MA program, it must be a thesis-based degree.

**Application:** There is no separate application form. Please send a resume which outlines your background, current contact information, along with three reference letters from individuals knowledgeable of your field skills and experience. On all materials submitted, include your name and graduate institution where enrolled. Additionally, in 500 words or less, provide a response to the question: “Twenty years from now, what should the elements of wildlife management be, and what role do you see yourself playing in this profession?”

**Selection Process:** An SCI-MIC committee will review application materials and select finalists. A subcommittee will interview finalists and select the award recipient(s) by September 14, 2017.

**Send all materials electronically, by June 16, 2017 to Paul Royce, SCI-Lakeshore Chapter, proyce7109@gmail.com**