



Paul J. Zinke Memorial Scholarship



The Paul J. Zinke Memorial Scholarship was established to encourage and reward excellence in university-level undergraduate study in forest soils, rangeland soils, or wildland soils in California. This scholarship program commemorates Dr. Zinke and his impact on education, soil science, and forestry research in the golden state and abroad. One thousand dollars is awarded annually to one or more students who exemplify the pursuit of knowledge, academic excellence, and interest in forest soils and management for which Dr. Zinke was known.

Paul J. Zinke was a professor of Forestry at UC-Berkeley. He was an enthusiastic, animated and versatile teacher who could engage and hold the attention of his audience from intimate field settings to large lecture halls and in his writing. In 1959, only two years after his appointment to the Berkeley faculty, Zinke was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award. In the 1970s, he developed a survey course, Forestry and Conservation, which regularly enrolled 400 – 500 students. Zinke's lectures were fast-moving, richly illustrated, and notable for his capacity to write on a blackboard with his right hand while simultaneously erasing with his left hand to make room for new material.

Dr. Zinke was a gifted naturalist, expert scientist and one of the CFSC cofounders. He worked in locations throughout California, across the American West, Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia. His knowledge of forest and social conditions were often expressed through a repertoire of anecdotes, stories, and case studies. Creative, personable and approachable, his ability to illustrate principles and theories was stimulating and captivated audiences, students, and peers. Paul Zinke was a fascinating person. The CFSC proudly honors Dr. Zinke through this scholarship in his name.

Further information about Paul Zinke's life and contributions to forest science can be found at: <http://www.californiaforestsoils.org/paul-zinke/>

Scholarship Requirements

Student eligibility must include:

1. *Current undergraduate enrollment in a California college or university.*
2. *Pursuing the study of forest, rangeland, or wildland soils, or a related ecosystem science degree with a soils emphasis. Completion of at least one course in soil science.*
3. *Maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or greater.*
4. *Continued enrollment in their curriculum for at least one year after receiving the scholarship (including the term during which the scholarship is awarded).*



Selection Criteria will be based on the student illustrating:

1. *Excellence in academic achievement.*
2. *Participation in soils-related student clubs, professional organizations, and other relevant extra-curricular activities.*
3. *Interest in, and motivation for, pursuing a career in forest soils, rangeland soils, or wildland soils, as expressed in the required essay.*
4. *Evaluation of the student's professional potential as expressed in letters of recommendation.*

Application Procedure:

Prepare and submit the following application packet items before the annual deadline (typically July 4th).

1. *Complete and submit the application form on the last page of this document, including -*
2. *Transcripts of all college work (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).*
3. *An original essay expressing your interest and motivation for pursuing a career in forest, range, or wildland soil science.*
4. *Two letters of recommendation written on your behalf. At least one of the letters must be from a professor where you are currently enrolled.*

Send the application packet

*to: Lia Webb theproscience@gmail.com
and cc: caforestsoils@gmail.com*

*****If you have questions please contact Lia Webb*****

at: theproscience@gmail.com or text her at 707-498-8327



**Paul J. Zinke
Memorial Scholarship
Application Form
Annual Deadline July 4st**



Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail address _____

College Attending _____ Class Level _____

Academic Major _____ GPA _____

Soils Courses Completed: (enter here or attach transcript with the following information)

Institution	Date	Course #	Course Title	Grade

Participation in Soils-Related Student Clubs, Professional Organizations, and/or Other Soils-Related Extra-curricular Activities (list any offices held):

Names of References / Recommendation Letters:

1. _____

2. _____

***** See Scholarship Requirements Section above for all the details *****

**Please compile all application materials and mail to:
CFSC Paul J. Zinke Student Scholarship**

**c/o Lia Webb
caforestsoils@gmail.com
and cc: theproscience@gmail.com**

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