

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Undergraduate Diversity Student Scholarship



We are pleased to announce that **Jessica Scrivener** is the recipient of the diversity undergraduate scholarship administered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. This is the fourth year that this award has been presented. Jessica is a senior at the University of South Florida (USF), majoring in Integrative Biology. She expects to graduate in May 2022.

Jessica has previously completed Associates degrees in Zoo Animal Technology and Wildlife Ecology & Conservation at Santa Fe College (Gainesville), working as a zookeeper for several years following. She is seeking a more applied career in conservation through her USF degree.

Jessica inherited dyslexia from her father and has experienced difficulties throughout her academic career. She has worked to overcome the challenges, recently becoming a peer leader in Chemistry, a subject with which she once struggled. She volunteers regularly with Meals on Wheels and works part-time as a veterinary technician. Following graduation, Jessica plans to pursue more education in Zoological Medicine, hoping to work eventually in the field of wildlife rehabilitation and release in Florida.

The FLTWS Undergraduate Diversity Student Scholarship was established in 2018 to recognize and financially assist an undergraduate student from an under-represented background wishing to pursue a career in wildlife biology in Florida. Applicants for the scholarship are judged based on extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, financial need, personal goals, contribution to Florida wildlife, a letter of reference from a wildlife professional and an essay reflecting on their minority status and how they will contribute to increased diversity and inclusion in the field of wildlife. As this year's recipient, **Jessica** will receive a check for \$1,500 and be recognized at the FLTWS Virtual Spring Meeting on March 24 at 2pm.

To attend our Spring Conference, register at: [FLTWS 2022 SpringMeeting](#).

Monica Folk
Chair, FLTWS Scholarship Committee