

Benjamin Rosenberg Cohen Memorial Wilderness Scholarship **Wilderness and Civilization Program**

The Benjamin Rosenberg Cohen Scholarship provides funding for undergraduate students at the University of Montana who are pursuing Wilderness Studies through the Wilderness and Civilization program. This scholarship was established in loving memory of Ben Cohen by his wife, Connie Cohen. Ben contributed tremendously to the state of Montana. After taking forestry and geology courses at the University of Montana, Ben worked both as a wilderness guard in the Bitterroot National Forest and as an engineer for the Forest Service in Whitefish. While in Whitefish, Ben was elected to the state House of Representatives and served four terms from 1984 to 1992. In addition, Ben owned, operated, and “grew” North Valley Refuge for twenty years, where he pioneered curbside co-collection of trash and recyclables in the Flathead Valley. Ben loved the outdoors—to ski, swim, hike, and play soccer and rugby. Ben contributed generously to Montana, his community, and his family.

The Wilderness and Civilization program is interdisciplinary semester program designed to complement any major. In this program, students learn how the ecology, politics, history and culture of a place interact and shape conservation efforts. The program combines classroom and field learning, small class size, and internship experience for an in depth exploration of wildland issues and human/land interactions. The program leads to a Wilderness Studies minor. Applications for the program are still being accepted on a rolling admission basis.

Scholarship and Application Details:

Available to: An incoming student to the Wilderness and Civilization program who demonstrates academic ability. Any major is eligible.

Application Must Include:

- (1) A cover letter that explicitly addresses your interest in this scholarship and academic ability.
- (2) A completed Wilderness Institute General Scholarship Application.
- (3) Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a university-level faculty member. If applying for multiple Wilderness Institute scholarships, the same two letters of recommendation may be used for all applications.

Note: Applicants who have applied for College of Forestry and Conservation Scholarships may use their already completed applications and recommendations. Let us know if you want to do so and we will obtain copies from Forestry.

Application Due: May 1, 2020

Send Completed Applications to: Wilderness Institute, College of Forestry and Conservation
University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812

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