



Free membership of the Australian Wildlife Society for students

Australian Wildlife Society is offering free student membership and we would like your help in promoting this offer to students across Australia. Australian Wildlife Society (AWS), formed in 1909, is a national not-for-profit conservation organisation. Our mission is to conserve Australia's wildlife (flora and fauna) through education and involvement of the community. We are dedicated to the conservation of Australian wildlife in all its forms through national environmental education, political lobbying, advocacy and hands-on conservation work. We hope to raise awareness and inspire all Australians to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues, gain the necessary skills to make informed decisions and take action to improve the environment. We believe that everyone can play a role in the conservation of Australia's wildlife and this belief is reflected in the Society's magazines, newsletters and structure of our membership.

Students are a key group in our membership and make significant contributions to the conservation movement through innovative projects and ideas. It is students who can drive lasting and sustainable change; who will become the next ambassadors in environmental conservation and hopefully the successors to the current board of the Society. The Society continues to inspire students to have a stake in environmental conservation and as a result, we are offering free membership for students throughout the life of their studies.

The benefits of membership of the Society includes:

- An electronic copy of the quarterly issue of *Australian Wildlife* to keep up-to-date with the collective work being promoted nationally;
- A copy of the monthly e-newsletter. Students can become actively involved in the newsletter by sending photos and written articles for inclusion;
- Access to the Members' Resource Centre, which provides students with information, resources and photographs;
- The opportunity to publish and promote their work on the Society's newly established student blog page, whilst providing new and interesting perspectives for the broader AWS community;
- The opportunity to be part of and contribute to our social media platforms;
- Reduced ticket prices for AWS events, such as:
 - The annual gala ball
 - The President's luncheon
- The opportunity to apply for grants including our annual awards and scholarships;
- The opportunity to interact with and network with others in the field of wildlife conservation (e.g., at the annual President's luncheon and annual general meetings); and
- The opportunity to have a say on topics that concern the Society, such as environmental legislation, climate change and land clearing.

Joining the Society is free and provides students with access to the benefits listed above. Upon completion of their studies, students will be provided with the opportunity to renew at the annual price. Conditions of this offer are that applicants must be a student of a registered educational institution, within Australia; they must hold and provide a copy of their student ID and/or university transcript detailing the expiry date of their enrolment (to info@aws.org.au); and they are not eligible to vote at general meetings of the Society unless they decide to become a financial member.

Students can join online at <https://www.aws.org.au/membership/>

Thank you for your assistance!

