



Kirtland Bird Club ♦ 4310 Bush Avenue ♦ Cleveland, Ohio 44109 ♦ 216 556-0700

Club named in honor of J. P. Kirtland, Ohio Naturalist

April 7, 2010

Dear Wyatt,

The Kirtland Bird Club (KBC) established our Scholarship Fund in October 2003. The purpose of the fund is to assist young people to pursue their interest in and expand their knowledge of the many facets of natural history. As KBC's primary focus is on birds, the study of birds is high on our list of attributes we look for in candidates for scholarship awards.

In reviewing your interests and activities, Wyatt, we find that you meet KBC's requirements for granting a scholarship award. To elaborate, at age 12 you started watching birds, and are in your own words, "very interested in all aspects of nature and especially birds". Subsequently, you joined the Ohio Young Birders Club (OYBC) and are on the club's Youth Advisory Panel (YAP). As a member of the panel, you work with the adult planning committee in the formulation of the OYBC yearly program activities and budget. In addition, on field trips, you assist John Sawvel, the OYBC Membership Coordinator, by providing leadership for the younger members of the club. You also help organize the group attending the field trip to carry out necessary tasks.

It is to your credit that although you are greatly interested in birds, you are also involved in and find time to pursue other interests. For instance, you participate in sports in high school and also play the violin. It is an attribute of an inquiring mind to be involved in other activities; this quality should serve you well as you look for your life's work.

We at KBC are therefore pleased, Wyatt, to award you the amount of \$250 dollars from our Scholarship Fund to help you attend Camp Chiricahua this summer. Attending the camp will be both fun and a valuable experience. We do have one request, Wyatt, which is to write a brief summary of your experience at Camp Chiricahua for the Cleveland Bird Calendar which KBC publishes quarterly.

Sincerely,

Scott VanValkenburg
President, Kirtland Bird Club