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Call for Applications: Jane Kile Memorial Scholarship 2018

"I met Jane at an AERO Ag Task Force Meeting, and were friends and colleagues until her death. We called, talked, and we dreamed of what could be done to portray to all others what the land and its life had taught us. We never came up with a workable solution in our minds of letting the land show people what it needs to support life for all life."

- Russell Salisbury, friend and curator of the Jane Kile Memorial Scholarship

AERO is now accepting applications to the Jane Kile Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is open to Montana residents actively looking to better attend to land health and preservation. This year, the scholarship will grant \$600 to one recipient, as well as a one-year AERO membership, and a ticket to the Expo and Annual Meeting in October.

We invite you to submit your application and idea for *"letting the land show people what it needs to support life for all life."* We recognize that this is a broad invitation, and look forward to seeing how you interpret it. But to help you get started, here are a handful of examples of ideas that would be appropriate:

- Investments in sustainable farming knowledge (workshop or conference attendance, books, classes, other materials);
- Construction of a small solar or wind charging station to help power your greenhouse, chicken house, irrigation, etc;
- Investments in agritourism offerings (marketing and promotion, knowledge or skills gained through educational development, equipment);
- Putting in a cover crop to build soil health;
- Hosting an intern at your farm or ranch;
- Putting in a hoop house, greenhouse, or other season extender for sustainable agriculture;
- Purchases of equipment or processing units that are shared among farmers in a region;
- Establishing, growing, or promoting a community local foods market;
- Bringing in a speaker to present to your community.

Criteria by which submissions will be evaluated: 1. Fills a gap/need; 2. Sustainability/long-term impact; 3. Creative/novel proposal; 4. Leverage of resources and talents; 5. Quality of outcomes.

Please call the AERO office with any questions. Complete the attached application and return to AERO at cwilliamson@aeromt.org by June 25th. The Scholarship committee will review applications and select a recipient by July 31st. Apps can be edited directly on Microsoft word, or printed, completed by hand, and scanned. They may also be mailed to the address above.



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*Jane Kile Memorial Scholarship
2018 Application*

Your Name: _____ **Address:** _____
Name of farm/ranch/business/organization, if applicable: _____
Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

1. Tell us a little bit about you, and your work with the land.

2. Please describe your proposed project. What is your need and how would you put the \$600 scholarship to use? Who would benefit from your project? Attach up to 2 letters of support, if applicable to your type of project.



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3. Are you an AERO member? Please let us know how you heard about or became familiar with AERO and the Jane Kile Memorial Fund Scholarship.

4. What is the approximate cost of your project? If \$600 will not fully fund it, what is your plan for obtaining other funding? If your project costs are less than \$600, how will you use the remaining funds so that they align with the scholarship requirements and values?

5. Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Please sign below to affirm that if offered the Scholarship, you agree to have your name and story released, including being willing to host an AERO staff-person for a few hours in order to talk about your project, take photos, and complete an interview for the *Sun Times*.