Dr. Kenneth M. Walker is a former member of the Western Oregon University biology faculty and this scholarship has been created in his honor by one of his former students. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funds for undergraduate research at WOU. Award amounts are based on expenses incurred and may only provide partial support. Applications from students engaged in all project stages from inception to completion and presentation are welcome.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for a Walker award you must meet the following requirements

- Current Western Oregon University student actively pursuing a major in the Biology program*.
- Be actively pursuing research, or presentation of research, under the supervision of a faculty member in the WOU Biology department.
- Submit a completed application to Dr. Ava Howard (NS 120 or Howard’s mail box NS 104) by 5 pm on the first Monday in November.

Preference will be given to students who have not previously received an award in the category to which they are applying.

**Category I: Project Funds (maximum award $1000)**

For an application in category I to be considered complete, it must include

- Completed application form
- Unofficial copy of the applicant’s transcript (including transfer articulations)
- Letter of support from the research supervisor (must be a member of the WOU Biology faculty)
- Research proposal. For your research study please address the following: (1 page maximum)
  - Clearly articulate the rationale including significance and theoretical basis.
  - Describe the “big picture” goal(s)/question(s) and specific hypotheses to be tested.
  - Summarize the methods and provide a brief justification for how each item in your budget will be used to attain your objectives.
  - Describe progress being made, preliminary results, and prior publications/presentations. Or, if this is a new project, so state this.
- Completed Budget Table.

**Category II: Travel to Present (maximum award $600)**

For an application in category II to be considered complete, it must include

- Completed application form
- Letter of support from the research supervisor (must be a member of the WOU Biology faculty)
- Title and Abstract for presentation (must show proof of acceptance prior funds disbursement)
- Completed budget table.

*Funds may be used up to 6 months post graduation to present research completed while a student.*