



Société d'histoire naturelle  
de la vallée du Saint-Laurent  
St. Lawrence Valley  
Natural History Society

# Roger Bider Natural History Awards

## Background

*To celebrate the St-Lawrence Valley Natural History Society's 25th anniversary in 2006 and to honour Dr. J. Roger Bider, its Founder, the Society established the Roger Bider Natural History Awards. The Society's mission is to foster interest in, and to promote the conservation of natural resources of the Greater St-Lawrence Valley. Roger Bider's dedication to the Society since its creation and his contributions to public education over the years have been largely accomplished through the development and success of the Ecomuseum in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue.*

*Natural history attracted Roger Bider's curiosity as a young student and the natural world became his life-long passion. This led to a teaching and research career as a Wildlife Ecology professor at McGill University, where he passed on his knowledge and experience to many generations of students and many nature groups. The creation of the Society provided him with a new forum to pursue his interest. His teaching, whether in the classroom or the field was always inspired by natural history, often involving plant and animal species less commonly seen or appreciated at the time but which have become significant in biodiversity conservation today.*

## The Awards

The Roger Bider Natural History Awards recognize and encourage young naturalists and foster greater public awareness and appreciation of the natural world and the importance of discovery, education, conservation and stewardship. The awards are given annually to students showing curiosity and keen interest in natural history. The awards encourage young naturalists to pursue these interests as a lifelong activity. Hopefully, some may even choose a career in a related field. There is one award of \$500.00 for high school students and one award of \$1000.00 for CEGEP students.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the Award, applicants must be students that have indicated keen interest in natural history and some skill in field work. Candidates must be registered in a high school or CEGEP (or community college) program. Preference will be given to residents from the greater St-Lawrence Valley.



## Application & Deadline

1. The Roger Bider Awards are sponsored by the St-Lawrence Valley Natural History Society.
2. Application forms are available on the Society's Ecomuseum web site ([www.ecomuseum.ca](http://www.ecomuseum.ca)), under events.
3. Applications must be received before March 30th, 2009.
4. Applications must be accompanied by 2 letters of support, which represent an important part of the evaluation process.



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### Applicant Information

Name:		Surname:	
Street Address:			
City:		Province :	Country:
Phone #:	E-mail Address:		

### Information on Educational Institution You Are Currently Attending

Name of School:			
Address:			
City:		Province :	Country:
Phone #:	E-mail Address:		

### Contact at School

A person who knows you well, for example one of the persons writing a letter of support.

Name:		Surname:	
Phone #:	E-mail Address:		

Provide a brief (<200 words) description of your interest in natural history, as related to field work/activities and your attraction to special aspects such as specific animal or plant groups, rock collection, conservation and pollution issues, photography, etc.

\* The information in these sections can be submitted by mail or by e-mail to [info@ecomuseum.ca](mailto:info@ecomuseum.ca).

**IMPORTANT** : This application should include 2 letters of support from 2 persons who can attest to applicant's interest and activities (e.g., biology teacher, employer, museum curator, summer camp director, group leader program, natural history club).