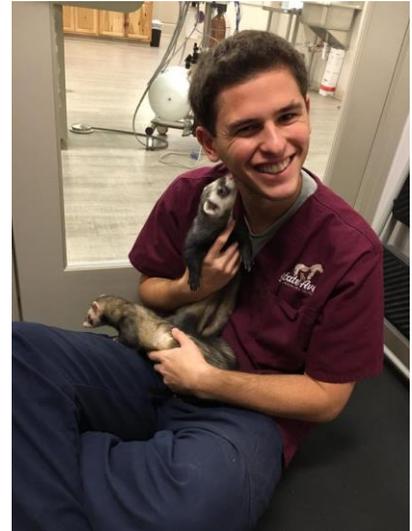


May 4, 2021

## 2021 Compassionate Care Scholarship Applications Now Open!

We are now accepting applications for this year's Compassionate Care Scholarships for veterinary students. This year's award levels are \$3000, \$2000, and \$1500. These scholarships are awarded to veterinary students who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to animal welfare, animal rights, or animal protection issues in veterinary medicine. Any veterinary student who is currently in their first, second or third year at an AVMA-accredited veterinary school in the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, or UK is eligible to apply. (Previous recipients may not reapply.) Please see our [website](#) for more details and to access the application. You can read more about last year's amazing recipients [here](#). Please direct any questions to Heather Schrader at [hschrader@hsvma.org](mailto:hschrader@hsvma.org). These scholarships are made possible by generous donations from our HSVMA leadership. Get your application submitted before the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline!



*2020 Compassionate Care Scholarship recipient, Benjamin Flakoll*

*Photo credit: Benjamin Flakoll*

## HSVMA Supports World Spay Day Clinics

Despite working amidst a pandemic, many programs across the country held spay/neuter clinics in recognition of World Spay Day on February 23. February is also recognized as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. Veterinary students at many schools were able to volunteer their time at these vital clinics. In addition to being valuable learning opportunities for students, these clinics offer free or low-cost services to communities in need, especially this year when many clinics have been backlogged due to the pandemic. HSVMA was proud to offer support, in the form of \$500 or \$1000 grants, to several clinics who had vet student volunteers participating. More than 300 animals were altered in this year's clinics!

- SpayArkansas held clinics with Kansas State CVM student volunteers
- The shelter medicine program at the Louisiana State University SVM performed spay/neuter surgeries at Dixon Correctional Institute



*A Grenada resident has her pets seen by the Grenada SPCA and vet students attending St. George's SVM*

*Photo credit: Rolando Cumberbatch and Claudia Cárceles Román*

- North Carolina State University CVM students volunteered in clinics for Saving Grace as part of the Perfect Pet Program
- The Grenada SPCA helped pets in the community with clinics involving St. George's vet students
- Vet students at the University of Wisconsin SVM volunteered in clinics at Green County Humane Society
- The Ohio State University CVM students helped Shelter Outreach Services of Ohio serve pets in their community

## Thank You to Our Student Volunteers!

April 18-24 was National Volunteer Week and HSVMA celebrated all the volunteers who are an integral component of our work. Our [Student Representatives and Student Chapter Officers](#) help us bring welfare-related topics to the next generation of humane leaders across the globe. Despite extremely busy academic schedules, these student volunteers commit themselves to spreading the word about our organization and its mission. For this, we are forever grateful and humbly thank each one of you for your tireless efforts! Our [Facebook page](#) posted the top ten reasons why we love our volunteers and shared some highlights of their work. For those who would like to stay involved with HSVMA after graduation, our [State Representative program](#) is a great way to advocate for animals at the local, state, and federal levels as a veterinary professional. We could not do what we do without our volunteers! Thank you!



*University of Edinburgh student chapter members at an event in 2020*

*Photo credit: Izzy Terry*

## Gifts For 2021 Graduates

Congratulations to all our 2021 graduates! As you start a new chapter in your veterinary career, we would like to offer a **free gift** to all 2021 graduates who update their information in our database by **July 4th**. Please [log in](#) to your HSVMA profile and make sure your email and postal address are up-to-date. Then send an email to [students@hsvma.org](mailto:students@hsvma.org) with the subject line **Free HSVMA mask** and a face mask with our custom "We Are Animal Welfare"

graphic will be sent to your preferred address. Also, check out our [website](#) to familiarize yourself with our professional member benefits. Thank you for being a student member and we look forward to your continued support as a professional!



Comments or questions about HSVMA student outreach programs and activities?  
Please contact us at [students@hsvma.org](mailto:students@hsvma.org)