**2024 Student’s Application Form**

**For the Baldwin/Speese Grant**

Deadline for proposals and recommendations: Friday, March 29, 5:00

This grant was endowed by Christine Kurtz Fuerhoff (class of 1980), in memory of biology professors J. T. Baldwin and Bernice M. Speese who greatly contributed to the campus botanical environment.  It is awarded annually to one (or sometimes several) undergraduate students who are interested in botany and are particularly committed to the preservation of **native plant species**.  Awards typically range from $1000-$3,000 but can be up to $4,000 if well justified and funds are available.  The money can be used as a **grant** for project supplies and/or a summer **stipend** for living expenses that would facilitate significant (e.g., at least half time) work on the project.

To be considered for this grant, students need to fill out the cover sheet on the last page, submit a proposal describing the proposed research or activity in the format outlined below, and arrange for a letter of recommendation from a sponsoring faculty member to be sent directly to Dr. Martha Case, macase@wm.edu, Chairperson of the Baldwin-Speese Grant Committee.  The letter should address in detail the **conservation merit** of the proposed work, the **student’s potential** for a successful completion, and the **feasibility** of the proposed work under your guidance.

The grant proposal must include the following clearly defined sections and in this order:  (1) an introduction and statement of the problem, (2) project goals and objectives, (3) methods, (4) significance of the research to plant conservation, (5) time schedule of the work to be completed, (6) an itemized budget of project expenses or justification for receiving a summer stipend, (7) complete references for literature cited, (8) a current unofficial W&M transcript, and (9) any other relevant experience or work history that would facilitate your ability to do the project.  Items 1 through 4 above should not exceed 3,000 words.  Important criteria for selection of the recipient(s) include the strength of the link between the activity and its impact on plant conservation goals, the likelihood for a successful completion (which may include consideration of relevant coursework and GPA), and the relationship of the proposed work to advancing the student’s career goals.

Students:  Please send your coversheet and items 1-9 above in a single pdf to Dr. Martha A. Case macase@wm.edu by the deadline above.  For questions on potential relevance of proposed work to this award, please contact Dr. Martha Case.

Please see the cover sheet on the next page.

**COVER PAGE FOR THE BALDWIN-SPEESE GRANT**

**Name**:

**Student number**:

**Campus Address**:

**E-mail**:

**Phone**:

**Recommending faculty member**:

**E-mail of recommender**:

**Project title**:

**Funds requested (up to $4,000):**

**Career Goals**:  In 300 words or less, please state your career goals and how this project will contribute to them.