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The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is now accepting applications for its thirteenth annual award to support student research on birds of prey. Support for this award is provided by Carl Zeiss Optical, Inc. Up to \$2,000 is available and will be awarded to one or two recipients. To apply, a student applicant should submit a brief description of his or her research program (five pages maximum), a curriculum vitae, a budget summary including other funding anticipated, and two letters of recommendation to Dr. James C. Bednarz, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529 USA. The deadline for applications is 15 November 1989. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision in February 1990. Only undergraduate and graduate students in degree-granting institutions are eligible to apply. The awards will be granted on the basis of the project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to the conservation of raptor populations. The funds are no longer restricted to studies in North America and applications from anywhere in the world will be considered.

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association awarded its 1989 research grant to Suzanne M. Joy, a M.S. candidate at Colorado State University. Her project is entitled "Nest-site characteristics and foraging behavior of Sharp-shinned Hawks in mature aspen and conifer habitats."