Friends of Madera Canyon – 2025/2026 The Bud & Mary Gode Scholarship

The Friends of Madera Canyon is pleased to announce the Bud & Mary Gode Scholarship, named in honor of Bud Gode, a teacher, scholar and supporter of the Friends. Bud was committed to maintaining and enhancing the enjoyment of Madera Canyon. The goal of the Gode Scholarship is to support young scholars with similar interests in our natural environment.

The Scholarship is a one-time award of \$5,000. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who wish to pursue post-graduate studies in a discipline related to the natural sciences. The chosen field of study by the applicant must represent a sincere desire to eventually have a career in some way related to the history, science or preservation of our natural environment. The Friends of Madera Canyon Scholarship Committee will consider a variety of related career goals such as forest management, ecology, historical research, botany, archeology, etc., as long as it has a relationship to the field of the natural sciences.

Awarding of the scholarship will not depend on financial status, although financial need may be taken into consideration. There is no discrimination as to race, gender, ethnic origin, or religious preferences. Sincerity of career goals and high academic performance in high school will be the primary determinants in selecting the recipient.

Graduating seniors from the following high schools are eligible to apply: Sahuarita, Walden Grove, Academic Pathways/Sahuarita, Rio Rico, Nogales, Patagonia Union, Tohono O'odom and Baboquivari.

Application materials can be obtained from your high school counselor or Friends of Madera Website: https://friendsofmaderacanyon.org.

Mail completed application to the address above.

Application Deadline: April 3, 2026