



**CLUB MISSION STATEMENT: The GVR Hunting and Fishing Club is a community of retired men and women who share a passion for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, and the conservation of natural and historical resources. The Club fosters fellowship, promotes ethical outdoor practices, and supports education related to fish, wildlife and environmental stewardship. Through charitable activities and fundraising, the Club provides college scholarships for local high school students and financial support to local nonprofit conservation and historical organizations, helping preserve the region's natural heritage while giving back to the Green Valley community.**

HISTORY OF THE GVR HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB'S GARY WILLIAMS CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED TO SAHUARITA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

- \$8,400 May, 2019 Sienna Wallen of Arivaca, 4 year scholarship. \$2,000 per year. Major in Forestry at Northern Arizona University (NAU).
- \$4,200 April 7, 2021, Katie Hicks attending NAU studying Environmental Science and Mathew Mayer attending the University of AZ studying Ichthyology. Each awarded a one year \$2,000 scholarship.
- \$4,200 April 27, 2023. Maria Fernande Lerma, first in her family to attend college, Vice-president of the National Honor Society. Major in Marine Biology and attending Ripon College, WI. \$2,000 each year for the first two years.
- \$4,200 January 31, 2024. Kaylee Purtle and Daniel Rodriguez each receive a \$2,000 one year scholarship to attend NAU in Environmental Engineering.
- \$4,200 January 12, 2025. Kaylee Purtle was awarded a second \$2,000 scholarship for her sophomore year at NAU, and Angelica Sanchez received a one year \$2,000 scholarship to attend Thomas College, Waterville, Maine, majoring in Biology, focusing on wildlife and conservation.
- \$4,200 December 22, 2025. Kaylee Purtle awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for her Junior year at NAU. A new awardee will be selected in the spring for a one year \$2,000 scholarship.
- \$29,400 Total funded by the GVR Hunting and Fishing Club to Sahuarita High School students for post high school education.



## **GVR Hunting and Fishing Club's Use of Raised Funds**

**as of April 1, 2026**

**\$1,600** - Help purchase a positive pressure breathing apparatus for use by the Santa Cruz Valley Fire Department EMT staff on emergency calls during the pandemic.

**\$29,600** - Funding college scholarships for Sahuarita School District High School seniors pursuing a degree in Wildlife Management, Environmental Education, Fisheries Management, Conservation or related courses of study through the Sahuarita Educational Enrichment Foundation (SEEF).

**\$3,500** - Support the air gun shooting, orienteering and ranger programs of the Sahuarita School District's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

**\$3,500** - Fund youth outreach (\$2,000) sponsored by Safari Club International Foundation and a youth hunting education camp (\$1,500) sponsored by Safari Club International Arizona Chapter.

**\$1,650** - Fund the environmental education program, Trout in the Classroom, at Walden Grove High School. Trout eggs and fish tanks are provided while students and a participating teacher monitor and feed the eggs as they hatch and grow into fingerlings.

**\$900** - Sponsored and funded travel expenses for two high school teachers from Sahuarita High School to attend a weeklong class in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to learn about the outdoors and various activities relating to hunting, conservation, and their impact on the environment.

**\$1,500** - Co-supported three family fishing events at Sahuarita Lake with emphasis on youth fishing.

**\$500** - Sponsor a high school conservation Club at Walnut Grove High School.

**\$1,750** - Provided funding in 2023, 2024 and 2025 in support of three Family Day events sponsored by Southern Arizona Quail Forever Chapter held at Empire Ranch. No Fee/All Ages Welcome.

**\$500** -2026, Empire Ranch Foundation in support of providing outdoor experiences for all ages.

**TOTAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT SINCE FOUNDING: \$45,000!!!**