



ORGANIZATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION MANAGERS

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Purpose: The Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers (OFWIM) Student Scholarship recognizes academic and professional excellence among students enrolled full-time in fisheries and wildlife-related curricula at an accredited college or university, with research or studies emphasizing wildlife information management and/or geographic information systems (GIS). The scholarship award supports student attendance at the OFWIM Conference and Annual meeting. To learn more about OFWIM, visit the web site (<http://www.ofwim.org>).

Criteria:

1. Awards will be made first to graduate student(s) who are working towards a Masters degree or PhD. Undergraduate students will be considered after Masters or PhD applications have been awarded. Membership in OFWIM is not required for eligibility.
2. The Elections, Nominations, and Awards Committee will award the scholarship(s) based on the following criteria: academic excellence; professional activities; and promise of future professional involvement and significant contribution to the field of wildlife-related information management and/or GIS. Financial need may be taken into consideration, but will not be the final determining factor.
3. Each award recipient must present a formal paper or poster at the annual OFWIM workshop/meeting. ***OFWIM 2009 Conference and Annual Meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington September 14-17, 2009.***

Application Procedure:

4. Any qualified student may apply for the scholarship by completing the Student Application Form, Part I (attached). The student's faculty advisor must verify the accuracy of all information provided in Part I. In addition, the faculty advisor must complete and sign Part II of the application.
5. The completed and signed application form (Parts I and II) must be received by the Committee Chair on or before the deadline – July 17, 2009.
6. Scholarship(s) will be available on an annual basis.

Scholarship Award:

7. The successful recipient(s) of the scholarship will be eligible for travel reimbursement up to \$1,000 per award.
8. The following conditions apply to each scholarship award:

- a. OFWIM will waive the meeting registration fee.
- b. OFWIM will reimburse each award recipient travel-related expenses (up to \$1,000) for airfare, lodging, meals and incidental expenses (M&IE), rental car, shuttle, parking fees, etc., provided that expenses do not exceed the published Federal per diem locality rates in effect at the time of the OFWIM workshop/meeting.
- c. Each award recipient is responsible for making personal travel arrangements and securing all reservations with a personal credit card.
- d. Each award recipient will provide an itemized list of expenses to the OFWIM Treasurer, in accordance with the conditions stated herein, prior to receiving reimbursement. At the discretion of the Elections, Nomination, and Awards Committee, partial reimbursement for selected expenses (e.g., airfare) may be made in advance of the meeting.



Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers Student Scholarship Application Form

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Send three (3) copies of the completed application (Parts I and II) to:

Beth Stys, OFWIM Elections, Nominations, and Awards Committee
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600
beth.stys@myfwc.com

For additional information, contact Beth Stys at (850) 488-0588 or the above e-mail address.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 17, 2009. (The recipient will be notified by August 1, 2009.)

Part I. To be completed by the applicant.

Name of Applicant:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Current College/University:

Major course of Study:

Current Status (check one):

Undergraduate:

BA/BS (anticipated graduation date _____)

Graduate:

MS (year started ____), (year completed ____), (anticipated graduation date ____)

PhD (year started _____), (anticipated graduation date _____)

Grade Point Average: BA/BS _____ MS _____ PhD _____

Part II. To be completed by the student's faculty advisor.

Applicant Name:

Name of Advisor:

Advisor Phone Number:

Advisor E-mail:

1. How long have you known the applicant?

2. What leadership traits has the applicant demonstrated in the aquatic- or wildlife-related sciences? Do you see future potential in this applicant with regard to participation in professional organizations, such as OFWIM?

Faculty Advisor signature: _____ Date: _____