Application for Student Professional Development Grants
Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (MNTWS) will award up to $1000 annually in student professional development grants to encourage participation in professional workshops, conferences, continuing education, and volunteer opportunities. These funds can be used towards transportation, lodging, and registration. Individual travel grant requests are limited to $250 and student group requests are limited to $500.

To be eligible, individuals must be:

1. a current member of MNTWS- http://wildlife.org/mn/membership
2. a current undergraduate or graduate student seeking a natural resources related degree at a Minnesota institution
3. willing to submit a newsletter article about their experience

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. A completed application form- see below
2. An abstract of paper or poster (if presenting)

Applicants must submit all required information in order to be considered for travel assistance. Applications should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of attending an event. The application must clearly state the amount of support requested and identify how costs will be incurred. Grants will be awarded biannually in January (deadline to apply Jan 1st) and August (deadline to apply Aug 1st). Award checks will be mailed to successful applicants within 30 days of the application deadline. Grants will be awarded based on benefit to the student(s), benefit to the Minnesota Chapter, and financial need. Priority will be given to students presenting a paper or poster when submitting requests to attend conferences.

Applications and all requested materials should be submitted to the MNTWS Student Relations Committee Chair Jennifer DuBay at dubay013@umn.edu
All requested material shall be submitted at least 30 days in advance of attending an event.
Request Type (Individual or Group)  

First Name   Middle Initial   Last Name  

Mailing Address  

City, State  Zip Code  

Email and Phone  

Have you received a grant in the past from MNTWS? ______ Yes ______ No  

School Information  

College/University:  

Degree Sought:  Expected Graduation Date:  

Event Information  

Name of event:  

Sponsoring organization:  

Location (city, state):  

Event dates:  

Conference Information (if presenting)  

Presentation Type: Paper _____ Poster _____ Date: _________ Time: _________  

Session Title:  

Paper/Poster Title:  
Please explain in 250 words or less your involvement with TWS or if your group has participated in any community activities. Also please briefly describe how this event will benefit you or your student group.

**Travel Expenses**

Provide an estimate of the total expenses expected for your trip and the amount requested from MN TWS.

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Total funds available from other sources: $ ____________________

Is travel to this event dependent on funding from MN TWS? ______________

Are you willing to accept a partial award of your requested amount? ______________

**Verification**

The undersigned represent that the information supplied above and on attached documents is true, that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements as stated herein, and that the financial need as stated is accurate.

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Student Signature (or typed name)      Date