



The Wildlife Society Pennsylvania Chapter

Professional Development Grant

The Pennsylvania State Chapter of The Wildlife Society will award one, \$1000 professional development grant annually beginning in 2013 to a non-student member of PATWS to attend a conference or professional development program.

The Professional Development Grant is intended to provide an opportunity for wildlife professionals to continue their education throughout their career. Those applicants gaining credits to maintain their TWS wildlife biologist certification will be given preference. The grant can be used for registration, travel, lodging, food, supplies, or fees associated with attending a conference or training program.

Minimum eligibility:

The applicant must be a non-student member in good standing of PATWS and have maintained that level of membership for at least the most recent two years. Those applicants gaining credits to maintain their TWS wildlife biologist certification will be given preference. An individual can receive this grant once per five years.

Recipients of the grant must attend the indicated conference or program within 18 months of receiving the grant or forfeit the grant money. Recipients must write a summary of their experience for an edition of the PA-TWS chapter newsletter.

Applications must include the following items to be considered:

1. **Resume or CV**
2. **Essay:** Explain your grant request. The name, date, and location of the conference or professional development program must be provided, and an agenda included if available. Please note if you will receive TWS certification continuing education credits for attending. The essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced, 12pt font.

All application materials must be emailed **by January 15th to: PAChapterTWS@gmail.com**

You must include "Professional Development Grant" in the subject line of the email.

All submissions must include a phone number (with area code) for the winner to be notified. Finalists may be interviewed by telephone.

The recipient will be notified by February 1st and invited to attend the PA TWS banquet at the annual conference for the formal grant award.