Upon notice of denial of AWB/CWB certification, The Wildlife Society’s Certification review board will inform applicants lacking one course about the Certification Scholarship provided by the Early Career Professional Working Group. Applicants can contact the ECPWG for more information, or can access application materials on the ECPWG grants page, facebook, or twitter accounts.

Applications will consist of a personal essay, the selected university course costs, timeline for completion, and an explanation of how this course will meet their remaining requirements for certification.

A single annual deadline is set for May 15. Once the deadline has passed, a scholarship review board will review and rank the submitted applications. The number and value of scholarships is yet to be determined and once determined, may change on an annual basis due to program requirements or funding.

The scholarship review board will notify applicants that have been selected and those that were not selected. Notification will be via e-mail.

Once the scholarship recipient(s) have registered for their course, they will send proof of registration to the ECPWG along with information for the university’s payment office. The ECPWG treasurer will mail a check to the applicant in the amount of $500. Should the course cost more than the scholarship amount, the recipient will be responsible for the remaining costs.

Upon course completion, the recipient will submit to the ECPWG Board an unofficial transcript as proof of course completion. Should the recipient not complete or receive a grade acceptable to The Wildlife Society’s Certification Review Board, they will be responsible for reimbursing the Early Career Professional Working Group the full cost of the scholarship.