The Wildlife Society

Early Career Professionals Working Group

Professional Development Grant Application Process

The objective of the Early Career Professional Working Group (ECPWG)'s **Professional Development Grant** is to provide funding to facilitate training, research, and professional opportunities for early career professionals. ECPWG will award one grant (up to $500) per year to ECPWG members on a competitive basis. Awards are contingent upon availability of funds.

What constitutes professional development?

- Attendance at state, regional, or national TWS meetings
- Training
- Workshops

Applications will consist of a short essay, budget of costs, description of meeting or workshop/training, and description of applicant's involvement (presenting at meeting or workshop, etc.) submitted to ecpworkinggroup@gmail.com.

Based on the current ECPWG budget, a single annual deadline will be set. Once the deadline has passed, the grants review board will rank the submitted applications based on the evaluation criteria (see review document). The number and value of scholarships may change on an annual basis due to program requirements and funding.

The grants review board will notify applicants if they have been selected and those not awarded. Notification will be via email.

Once the workshop/training/meeting has completed, awardees will submit scanned receipts/total costs to ecpworkinggroup@gmail.com. The treasurer will write a check and mail it to the awardee, not to exceed $500.