



## **Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship through Science and Education**

### **Student Travel Award Application**

**Description:** The New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society considers applications for Student Travel Awards on an as-needed basis, but **accepts applications absolutely no later than 30 days prior to the event** for which funding is requested (for JAM 2020, that would mean **7 January 2020**). The Student Travel Award is intended to help support travel to meetings or conferences of The Wildlife Society by individual presenting students. The New Mexico Chapter reserves a minimum of \$500.00 annually for this award, or sufficient funds to cover two student member registrations for the Annual Conference; applicants may request up to \$500.00. Additional funding requests will be considered by the New Mexico Chapter Board when necessary. Students are only eligible for one travel award per calendar year, must be current members of the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society when applying, be making a presentation or submitting a poster, and not covered by a student chapter travel award.

**Application Format and Award Criteria:** The application should be a brief but descriptive narrative addressed to the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society Board that includes information on several specifics:

1. Applications should include details on the meeting or conference for which the travel award will be used, where this meeting will take place and over what time period. A copy of an acceptance letter or email for a contributed poster or oral presentation from the program committee should be included.
2. Applications should include detailed information on financial need including how specifically the funds will be used. These specifics should include conference or meeting registration costs, travel expenses, lodging expenses and/or meal costs in a per diem format.
3. Applications should include detailed information on other funding sources intended to be used by the applicant to cover costs. This information ensures that should the application be awarded, it will actually be used to support a student presentation.
4. Applications should include information on the scientific merit or importance of the accepted presentation. Additionally, applications should include details on importance of the presentation to the applicants' career goals as future wildlife professionals or as continuing wildlife students.

Please submit to **Matt Wunder, Ph.D.** ([matthew.wunder@state.nm.us](mailto:matthew.wunder@state.nm.us)), New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society