**WAYNE SANDFORT STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION**

**CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

**PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY – CRITERIA FOR 2020 AWARDS HAVE CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society (TWS) announces the availability of travel grants for students who plan to attend TWS’s Annual Conference. Travel grants of **up to $200 each** ($200 is not a guaranteed award amount) will be awarded to a limited number of Student Chapters of TWS to assist with expenses incurred while attending the **2020 virtual Annual Conference**.

**Preference will be given to the following:**

1. Current undergraduate or graduate students.
2. Students who are currently or who have recently been involved in activities of TWS, CMPS, or a local TWS Chapter.
3. Students who have pursued additional sources of funding.
4. There will be individual student awards for 2020. **NO GROUP AWARDS WILL BE OFFERED**

**To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:**

1. Be a member of the State or Student Chapter.
2. Be a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section.
3. Be a member of The Wildlife Society.
4. A. Be a recent Baccalaureate graduate or enrolled at least half time in a program leading to an undergraduate degree in wildlife biology or a closely related field at a college or university within the geographic boundary of CMPS.

B. *Or*, be a current Master’s candidate enrolled at least half time in a program leading to a graduate degree in wildlife biology or a closely related field at a college or university within the geographic boundary of CMPS.

1. Must be presenting a paper, poster, workshop or other training.
2. Advisor’s signature or email confirmation acknowledging your application and qualifications.

**Each individual applicant must submit the following electronically:**

1. A completed, typed application form (signed by the student and faculty advisor; electronic signatures are acceptable, or a complete email string from the student to the faculty advisor is acceptable).
2. A typed, one-paragraph narrative describing the student’s involvement in Society activities (Student Chapter, State Chapter, Section, or TWS).
3. A typed, one-paragraph narrative explaining why you should receive a CMPS Student Travel Grant.
4. Sign a statement of understanding that you will submit a 1-page post-conference report of your conference experience no later than October 15, 2020 to Shelly Deisch (email below).
5. That successful applicant will submit conference registration receipt for reimbursement of **up to $200**.

Typed applications and all requested material must be submitted electronically by **September 1, 2020** to CMPS President-Elect, Shelly Deisch. Submit any questions to [shelly.deisch@state.sd.us](mailto:shelly.deisch@state.sd.us)

Incomplete applications, applications not typed, and applications not submitted electronically will be disqualified. Download the application at <http://wildlife.org/cmp/student-travel-grant/>.

Successful recipients will be notified as soon as possible after the application deadline.

Payment will be made as reimbursement **when the CMPS Treasurer receives a receipt confirming payment of registration fees for the TWS conference (forwarding a copy of your email registration confirmation from TWS will meet this requirement). Award recipients must also submit a 1-page post-conference report.**

**TWS CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION (CMPS) WAYNE SANDFORT STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION (Only complete applications that are typed and submitted electronically will be accepted)**

**CMPS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES:**

**ND, SD, NE, KS, CO, WY, UT**

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First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address, P.O. Box, Apartment Number Daytime Phone Number

City, State, Zip Code

E-mail Address

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Are you a member of your college or university Student Chapter of TWS? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Are you a member of the State Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Are you a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

(IF you pay state chapter dues, you are automatically a CMPS member)

Are you a member of The Wildlife Society? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Name of the Student Chapter:

**Undergraduate Student:**

Are you an undergraduate student *currently enrolled* at least half time in a program leading to a Baccalaureate degree in wildlife biology or a closely related field at a college or university within the CMPS? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Have you recently (within the past 3 months) graduated with a Baccalaureate degree in wildlife biology or closely related field at a college or university within the CMPS? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

If more than 3 months, please indicate date of completed degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College/University Degree Sought Expected Graduation Date

**Graduate Student:**

Are you a graduate student *currently enrolled* at least half time in a program leading to a Master’s degree in wildlife biology or a closely related field at a college or university within the CMPS? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you recently (within the past 3 months) graduated with a Master’s degree in wildlife biology or closely related field at a college or university within the CMPS? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

If more than 3 months, please indicate date of completed degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College/University Degree Sought Expected Graduation Date

**INVOLVEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

Do you currently or have you recently held an office or chaired a committee in your Student Chapter?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

List all Student Chapter offices held and/or committees chaired, and dates:

Are you currently or have you recently been involved in other Student Chapter, Section, or TWS activities? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

One to two paragraphs narrative describing your involvement in Society activities (Student Chapter, State Chapter, Section, or TWS). **INCLUDE DATES.**

**2020 ANNUAL TWS CONFERENCE**

One-paragraph narrative explaining why you should receive a CMPS Student Grant to attend the virtual 2020 Annual TWS Conference.

A paper, poster, workshop or training presentation is required to receive a Student Travel Grant. Please list your involvement:

Paper/Poster/Workshop/Training Title

**ESTIMATED VIRTUAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES**

Total projected expenses $

(Please attach details—estimated conference registration, workshops, training, or other extraneous expenses related to ability to log into a virtual conference)

Total funds available from other sources (Please attach details) $

Outstanding travel needs requested from CMPS ($200 maximum) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, understand that there is a required post-conference report due by October 15, 2020. A minimum 1-page report of conference experiences, session attendance, workshop/trainings taken, photographs, and overall impressions will be submitted to CMPS President-Elect, Shelly Deisch. Your report may be included in the CMPS Winter Newsletter or highlighted on the CMPS Facebook account.

The undersigned will submit conference registration receipt for reimbursement of **up to $125 for registration and up to $75 for a workshop/training for a total not to exceed $200 ($200 is not a guaranteed award amount).**

The undersigned represents that the information supplied above and on attached documents are true.

The undersigned represents that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements as stated herein and that the financial need as stated is accurate.

Failure of the undersigned to submit a report by October 15, 2020, or insufficient information, or lack of proof of paid expenses will result in forfeiting the award.

Student’s Signature Advisor’s Signature **\*\***

Advisor’s Name and School Address (Please Print)

Advisor’s Daytime Phone Number Advisor’s Email Address

\*\* If an Advisor’s signature (real or electronic) cannot be acquired due to your institutions COVID-19 restrictions of in-person attendance, please include an email confirmation from the advisor that he/she approves of and has reviewed your application.

(form date 8/7/2020)