

New Jersey Chapter of The Wildlife Society Professional Development Award Application

This Professional Development Award opportunity is made possible by the NJ Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The award is intended to assist both students and professionals in the Wildlife/Fisheries field with offsetting costs of classes, professional meetings, training events, certifications or independent studies (research not supported by an established institution). The award may also be used by organizations to offset the cost of sponsoring an event that benefits students or professionals in NJ.

Recipients are eligible for up to a \$500.00 award that may be applied to professional development opportunities that will benefit the applicant or that can be applied to further benefit other professionals in NJ.

Eligibility: Students studying Wildlife/Fisheries (either attending a NJ college/university or a NJ resident attending an out-of-state college/university); Professionals who are currently working in the Wildlife/Fisheries field (must reside and/or work in NJ); Organizations in NJ focused on the conservation of Wildlife/Fisheries.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with awards granted twice per year. Deadlines for submission are January 15 and November 1. Submit all documents electronically to NewJerseyTWS@gmail.com with the subject line "LastName_PDAAward_Year".

1. Individuals and organizations: Submit a cover letter addressing the following questions:

- Explain in detail how and when the funding will be used. Include a training announcement, meeting agenda, or course announcement if applicable.
- How much funding are you requesting? (up to \$500)
- How will this activity benefit you in your career?
- How will this activity be beneficial to the Wildlife/Fisheries profession in NJ?

2. Individuals: Submit a resume including the following information (if applicable):

Education, relevant work experience, relevant volunteer and service activities, awards, certifications, professional organizations and positions held.

3. Individuals: Provide two professional references.

Note: A report or presentation is a requirement of the award. 80% of the funding will be awarded prior to the activity, and the remaining 20% will be awarded only after submission of a report for the NJ TWS newsletter or delivery of a presentation at a NJ TWS meeting.