



Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship through Science and Education

Outstanding Student Award

Call for Nominations: The New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society is soliciting nominations for the Outstanding Student Award. This award will be presented at the Virtual Joint Annual Meeting of the New Mexico and Arizona Chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, February 3-5, 2022. **Please submit nominations electronically by 15 January, 2022 to Elise Goldstein (twsnmexico@gmail.com).**

Award Description: The Outstanding Student Award is given annually to a student who, while attending college or university in New Mexico, made a significant contribution to wildlife science, management, or conservation within the state. Any undergraduate or graduate student may be nominated for this award, but students pursuing a degree in wildlife or a wildlife-related field will be given preference. The Outstanding Student Award may be given to students for a single, exemplary act, or for a more long-term demonstration of outstanding performance. Students are eligible for one year following graduation from a New Mexico institute of higher education.

Nomination Format and Evaluation Criteria: The nomination should be a brief (no more than 1 page) but persuasive summary of the contributions made by the student that are deserving of the Outstanding Student Award. Nominations must also contain a short curriculum vitae (CV) from the student (no more than 2 pages); evidence of academic performance, including grade point average, should be included. Selection of award recipients is based on one or more of the following criteria: contributions in the classroom, significant undergraduate or graduate research, extracurricular projects that contribute to wildlife conservation efforts in New Mexico, involvement with a student chapter or the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and overall academic performance.

Award Decisions: Members of the board of the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society review nominations prior to, and present the award at the Virtual New Mexico Chapter of the Wildlife Society Business Meeting/Joint Annual Meeting on 3-5 February 2022.