

TWS Wildlife Publication Awards – Student Paper Nomination Criteria

- 1) The lead author will have to be a student and should be the largest contributor to the writing and analysis, and in many cases may have contributed the idea (although this might usually be attributed to the student's advisor).
- 2) A cover letter must accompany each student paper nomination and will clearly describe the student's contributions. The cover letter can be provided by the student's major advisor; but self-nominations by a student are also accepted.
- 3) The paper must represent work that was completed predominately while the lead author was a student at university/college.
- 4) The paper is eligible only if published, or accepted for publication, within 3 years of the student's graduation from their undergraduate or graduate program.
- 5) The paper must be published in a peer-reviewed publication. No 'grey literature' papers such as non-peer reviewed game and fish reports, symposia, conference proceedings, etc.
- 6) All papers where the student is lead author would be given equal weight, whether they be an undergraduate, MS, or PhD student.
- 7) Papers submitted with a "student" status could also be considered under the article/journal paper or monograph categories. The nomination letter must declare which category(ies) they are submitting the paper for (i.e., student paper, article/journal paper, and/or monograph). The nominated paper can only win in one category.
- 8) The student does not need to be a member of TWS for the nominated year; however, being a TWS member will add bonus points for the Committee's scoring process.
- 9) If the paper is submitted in the journal or monograph category and wins, it is not eligible for the student paper in subsequent years. However, if the paper did not win in any nominated category, it can be resubmitted in the journal paper, monograph, or student paper category the following year if it meets the criteria.

If you have any questions, please contact the TWS Wildlife Awards Committee Chair, Seth Rankins (str0006@tigermail.auburn.edu).