

Certification Program Grant

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society (TWS) is offering Certification Program grants for individuals who have recently applied and were accepted for TWS Certification. Grants of **up to \$155** per individual will be awarded to a limited number of CMPS (CO, KS, ND, NE, SD, UT, or WY) members to assist with expenses incurred while applying for certification.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a member of a State or Student Chapter within CMPS.
- 2) Be a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section (you are automatically a member by belonging to one of the 7 states within CMPS: CO, KS, ND, NE, SD, UT, or WY).
- 3) Be a member of The Wildlife Society (<https://wildlife.org/>).
- 4) Must currently reside in the CMPS geographic boundary.
- 5) Must have received certification acceptance within the last year.

We encourage all that are eligible to apply, however general preference will be given to the following:

- 1) Students and early career professionals that have previously applied and have been awarded Associate Wildlife Biologist®.
- 2) Individuals who have resided with CMPS geographic boundary longest
- 3) Individuals who are currently or recently have been involved in activities of TWS, CMPS, a State Chapter and/or Student Chapter of TWS

Each individual applicant must submit the following electronically by midnight on Friday September 13th to the CMPS Student and Early Career Professional Committee Chair, Elisabeth Teige, teigeel@ksu.edu:

- 1) A completed, fully filled out, typed application form.
- 2) A typed, one-paragraph narrative describing the student's involvement in The Wildlife Society activities (Student Chapter, State Chapter, Section, /or TWS).
- 3) A typed, one-paragraph narrative explaining why you should receive a CMPS Certification Grant and what Certification means to you.
- 4) Successful applicants will submit receipts for application and proof of acceptance of certification to receive reimbursement for certification.

Incomplete applications (empty responses), applications not typed, and applications not submitted electronically will be disqualified. Application available below or through downloaded at <https://wildlife.org/CMP/>

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 certification application and proof of certification (forwarding an electronic copy of proof of payment and confirmation of certification will meet this requirement).

List Student Chapter *offices* held and/or *committees* chaired, and approximate dates. List other activities if you have not held an office or chaired a committee:

State, Section and/or TWS Activities:

Are you currently or have you recently been involved in State, Section, or TWS activities? Yes No

One to two paragraph narrative describing your involvement in Society activities (Student Chapter, State Chapter, Section, or TWS) and approximate dates.

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One-paragraph narrative explaining why you should receive a CMPS Certification Grant and what Certification means to you.

VERIFICATION

I, _____, the undersigned, represents that the information supplied above and on attached documents are true. I also understand that some of the writing within my application may be asked to be reprinted on the CMPS Winter Newsletter or highlighted on the CMPS Facebook account.

The undersigned will submit vendor receipts by **September 13th, 2024** for reimbursement of **up to \$155** per individual (or amount required for certification at a given level).

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 proof of payment and acceptance by September 13, 2024, will result in forfeiting part or all the certification grant.

Applicant's Signature

Date