



New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Travel Grants for The Wildlife Society Conference Des Moines, Iowa November 1-5, 2026

Open Call for Applications

For Immediate Release: July 1, 2026

The New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society (NYTWS) is now accepting applications for two, \$1,000 travel grants to attend The Wildlife Society's annual conference in Des Moines, Iowa on November 1-5, 2026. One grant will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in the wildlife field. One grant will be awarded to a current wildlife professional.

Travel grants are intended to assist with the cost of registration, travel, and/or lodging. Recipients are responsible for any additional costs associated with attending the conference beyond the \$1,000 awarded. Grants will be paid to recipients via check immediately after the conference in the form of reimbursement with proof of attendance.

Preference will be given to candidates presenting a poster or oral presentation, or who are participating in official capacities at the meeting (working groups, chapters, sections, student chapters, etc.). However, all are encouraged to apply.

For more information about the conference, click [here](#).

Who is eligible for these grants?

- **Student Grant:** All students currently enrolled as full-time, matriculated undergraduate and graduate students in a College or University within New York State that are pursuing a degree related to wildlife conservation/management.
- **Professional Grant:** All working professionals in the private or public sectors that conduct work related to wildlife conservation, management, or research in New York State.
- Both students and professionals must be members of NYTWS to be eligible. **If you are not a current member, but become a member before submitting an application it will be accepted.** You can become a member [here](#).

Application Requirements: Applications must include the following documents to be considered for this grant (MS Word or PDF only; shared documents will not be accepted).

1. **Letter of application.** Applicants should provide a formal letter of application, (1) introducing yourself and highlighting your academic or professional background depending on whether you are a student or professional; (2) why you are interested in attending the conference; and (3) how attending will benefit your academic or professional needs, professional development, and career goals. Be sure to state if you have previously attended a TWS conference and if you will be presenting a poster or oral presentation. Preference will be given to those that have been accepted to present, however this is not the sole criteria. **You must include the email address you have provided to NYTWS for your membership, so we may verify you in our membership roster.**
2. **Current resume or curriculum vitae (CV).** Applicants should include either a resume or CV, as appropriate. Please highlight your education, professional work experience, academic and professional accomplishments (e.g., degree(s) sought or completed, degree major and any minor(s), volunteerism, awards, participation with The Wildlife Society [TWS national, NE Section, NY State Chapter, Student Chapter or beyond] and any other relevant information).
3. **College Transcripts.** Provide official or unofficial transcripts if you are a student. Professionals do not need to include transcripts.

Applications are due: July 19th by 11:59 PM. We will not accept late applications. Early-bird registration rates expire July 31, 2026. Selections will be made quickly to allow grant recipients to take advantage of early-bird pricing.

How to apply: Submit your completed applications by email to the Chair of the Nominations and Awards Committee at newyorktws@gmail.com with "Travel Grant" in the subject line. Please indicate in your email whether you are applying as a student or a professional. Attach all relevant documents to the email and include a phone number with your email message, so that we may contact you regarding your application materials or for any follow-up questions. We will notify all applicants of the final selection results by email.

Reimbursement: After the conference, registration, airfare, and hotel receipts should be submitted to newyorktws@gmail.com. We also ask that you submit a one-page summary of your experience with photos of the conference that we can include in our Fall/Winter newsletter or on our social media. A photo of you at the conference would be great too! A check will be mailed to the address you provide within one week of receiving the receipts and summary.