

2026 Student Travel Grant for the National TWS Conference

The Wildlife Health Working Group (WHWG) is committed to supporting students in presenting at The Wildlife Society's annual conference.

This year, the WDWG is offering two \$750 travel grants and one \$250 registration grant for student members presenting a paper or poster at the annual conference of The Wildlife Society from November 1st - 5th 2026 in Des Moines, IA. Students do not need to be members of the WHWG to apply. At least one travel grant will be dedicated to a toxicology-focused talk unless none are received.

The WHWG travel grant is intended to promote student interest and participation in the working group, and to recognize outstanding student research in the area of wildlife health and toxicology. **Applicants must be students and members of The Wildlife Society.** Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong interest and research accomplishments in wildlife health.

To further highlight these accomplishments, awardees will be asked to provide a 3-minute overview of their presentation at a WHWG meeting (date and time to be determined).

To apply, please submit:

1. A cover letter (maximum 1 page) that explains:
 1. your interest and experience in wildlife health research
 2. why you believe your talk/poster is strongly aligned with the Wildlife Health Working Group
 3. details about whether you have access to any additional funds to support your attendance at TWS (e.g., departmental or supervisor funds - this does not refer to personal funds)
2. The abstract of your accepted presentation at the annual conference of The Wildlife Society
3. A brief (1-2 page) CV outlining your education and experience (e.g., jobs, internships, volunteer work)
4. OPTIONAL: A letter of support from a mentor, advisor, or supervisor.

The deadline for submission is Friday, July 24th at midnight Pacific Time. The recipient of the award will be notified by Wednesday, July 29th. Awardees will be provided with the Early Bird registration rate. Recipients who are not already members of the working group will also receive a complimentary 1-year membership.

For further information or to submit an application, contact the WHWG Board at tws.wdwg@gmail.com.