

Alaska Chapter - American Fisheries Society 2019 Cultural Diversity Travel Award

The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is pleased to announce the availability of a monetary award¹ to cover travel expenses for an Alaska Native or other minority/under-represented person to attend the 2019 Alaska Chapter AFS Meeting, March 19-21, 2019 in Sitka, Alaska.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be an Alaskan Native or under-represented minority (in terms of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background) in a field of fisheries science or a related discipline.
- Be in an entry level/ early career position or undergraduate or graduate student, defined as one or more of the following:
 - 1) Fisheries Biologist I, Fish and Wildlife Technician II or III, or equivalent natural resource position in the State of Alaska employment system,
 - 2) GS-7 or lower level position in the U.S. government employment system,
 - 3) Have an entry-level fisheries or related science position in a public, private, or non-governmental organization, and/or
 - 4) Be a university level student in good standing in the field of fisheries or related discipline. If undeclared, student must show interest in pursuing fisheries or a related field.

Applicants will be evaluated on their professional, educational, and/or volunteer experiences and interest in fisheries or related field(s), interest in professional advancement, reason(s) for attending the conference, references, and financial need. Preference will be given to the overall best application package from individuals with the following qualifications (not required to apply):

1. Demonstrated commitment to the field of fisheries or related discipline, and/or clear intention to pursue a career in fisheries or related discipline;
2. Demonstrated need for monetary assistance to attend this conference; and
3. Proof of intent to present at the conference.

Please note that the award includes a one-year membership to the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and may cover registration, lodging, and transportation costs. Partial awards are sometimes available, depending on funding.

The following additional opportunities for networking will be available and are *optional* for the recipient of the award: Introduction at the conference banquet. Publication of a brief statement about their experience at the conference in the summer issue of the AK Chapter newsletter, *Oncorhynchus*. Participation as a member of the Cultural Diversity Committee for the year following the annual meeting at which they received the award. Posting of a statement and picture online, in print, or other media.

Submit a completed application by 5 pm Alaska Standard Time on February 11, 2019 to:

Sara Gilk-Baumer
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game
333 Raspberry Rd
Anchorage, AK 99518

NOTE: If you would like assistance in completing this application, please contact Sara at 907-267-2535, Fax 267-2442, e-mail sara.gilk@alaska.gov or use the above address.

Applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of their application by February 19, 2019.

¹ The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society reserves the right not to present any awards. The recipients of these awards are not eligible for any other Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society travel award in the same year.

APPLICATION FORM

2019 Alaska Chapter AFS Cultural Diversity Travel Award

Name: _____
Email address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Are you an Alaska Native and/or under-represented minority (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background)? Yes or No

Are you in an entry/early career level position, or a university level student? Yes or No
If Yes, please specify your position or degree sought: _____

Have you submitted an abstract for this meeting? Yes or No
Abstract title: _____
Session: _____

(please attach copy of abstract to this application, if applicable)

Are you an AFS member? Yes or No If yes, since when: _____

Where will you be traveling from? _____

Do you anticipate needing monetary assistance for the following?
Airfare Y or N Housing Y or N Registration Y or N Ground Transportation Y or N

Are you eligible for or have you sought funding elsewhere to attend this meeting (e.g. UAF graduate school travel award, AFS student travel award, Molly Ahlgren, etc.)? Please explain. _____

Have you received this award previously? Yes or No

In addition to submitting the completed form above, please provide a 1-page cover letter addressing the following:

- How being part of an underrepresented minority group has impacted your academic or professional experiences and/or how you have supported and encouraged diversity and inclusion within the fisheries profession.
- Your interests and experiences in fisheries or other natural resource related issues.
- Your short-term and long-term personal and career goals.
- Your reasons for wanting to attend the Alaska Chapter AFS meeting.

Please list three people who can tell us about your interests & experience in fisheries or other natural resource programs. (Alternatively, you may submit letters of recommendation with this application.)

Name, Title: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

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