Undergraduate Students and Faculty,

The Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (MNAFS) again is pleased to announce availability of its undergraduate scholarship competition, including the NUASF EE Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship, offered by the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen in partnership with MNAFS. This latter award carries a $900 stipend, waives the registration fee for the Chapter’s Annual Meeting, and covers the lodging costs associated with meeting attendance. Depending on the quality of the applicant pool and available funds, up to two additional Chapter Scholarships with lesser stipends, but with registration and lodging coverage, may also be awarded. The scholarship competition is open to any undergraduate junior or senior pursuing a degree in fisheries, water resources, aquatic biology, or aquatic environmental science at a Minnesota postsecondary institution during the 2023-2024 academic year. If you are a faculty member, please inform your undergraduate students with an interest in aquatic biology about our scholarship(s). If you are a student or student leader, please let other students you know about this opportunity.

Application Deadline: November 10, 2023 - 4 pm

**Eligibility**

To be considered for the scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

* + Must be earning a major in fisheries, water resources, aquatic biology, or aquatic environmental science at a college or university in Minnesota,
	+ Must be a junior or senior undergraduate student, and
	+ Must be a member of or must joint MNAFS (**state chapter membership is free to students)**.

**Selection Criteria**

Students are selected for scholarships based on their levels of demonstrated leadership in, passion for, and commitment to studying, understanding, conserving, and teaching about aquatic natural resources. Levels of leadership, passion, and commitment are evaluated based on:

* + Leadership positions and experiences
	+ Internships or other work experience in the fields of fisheries, water resources, aquatic biology, or aquatic environmental science
	+ Undergraduate research experiences and their outcomes
	+ Academic achievement
	+ Educational and career goals
	+ Other information provided in the personal statement

For competitive students, additional consideration is given if the candidate is

* + from an underrepresented group within the profession
	+ a Minnesota resident
	+ a member of the parent American Fisheries Society

To apply for the scholarship, visit <https://units.fisheries.org/mnafs/scholarships-and-travel-awards/> or fill out one of the attached application forms. The application must be received by or before the deadline given above. Send by email attachment to:

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Also attached is a MNAFS membership form, which can be sent by email attachment to calub\_shavlik@yahoo.com or US Mail to: Calub Shavlik – MNAFS Secretary-Treasurer, 23196 Glenhaven Drive, Nevis, MN 56467.