**Catfish Committee Travel Award**

This travel award was created at the spring 2015 Southern Division meeting to provide financial assistance to a graduate student in the southeastern United States (Alabama, Arkansas, Washington D.C., Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands, West Virginia) who is studying catfish-related fisheries management.   A 3-person sub-committee (Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, & Chair-Elect) will review the applications and select the award winner.

The annual meeting for the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society will be held ***virtually*** on April 6-9, 2021. The Catfish Management Technical Committee (aka. Catfish Committee) will offer one **$300** travel award for a student with outstanding research and academic performance to ***attend the virtual meeting***. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student’s educational institution.  It can be used for ***any*** aspect of travel or costs associated with attending both the SDAFS and Catfish Committee Open Forum meetings.  Award recipients will be required to attend and participate in both meetings and also *present the results of their study during the Catfish Committee Open Forum* (previously called the Catfish Technical Committee Meeting) on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

**The deadline for submitting the required information to the award committee chair (Kris Bodine,** Kris.Bodine@tpwd.texas.gov**) is** **February 21, 2021**. The chair will distribute copies to the award committee members.

Instructions:

1. Complete the enclosed award application.
2. Provide a copy of your research proposal indicating its relevance to catfish fisheries management and research in the southeastern United States.
3. Provide a letter of introduction and recommendation from the applicant’s major professor or faculty advisor. This letter should state how long and in what capacity they have known the applicant. In addition, the letter should address the applicant’s promise as a future fisheries scientist.
4. Submit the award application, research proposal, and letter of recommendation to the award committee chair via email no later than February 21, 2021.

After the deadline has passed, the award committee will rank the compiled information for the applicants and make selections several weeks before the Southern Division meeting. The award winner will be presented with an official AFS plaque and award check during the SDAFS business meeting.

Winners of the Catfish Committee Travel Award are also encouraged to present their research at other future AFS meetings.

**Deadline: February 21, 2020**

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| **Instructions for submitting the award application can be found in the award application letter. This application, along with the required supporting materials, should be submitted by email to the award committee chair *no later than February 21, 2021*.**  |
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| 1. **List awards, awards, publications or special recognitions you have received.**

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| 1. **List government and nongovernment activities (part-time jobs, internships, ROTC/military).**

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| 1. **Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity that you were involved with (do not repeat experience described in #2).**

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| 1. **What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have upon completing your graduate studies?**

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