



Arizona/New Mexico American Fisheries Society Chapter

Miles McInnis Memorial Student Award

2017-2018 Application Procedures

The Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) is pleased to announce that applications for one \$1,000 undergraduate student scholarship award and one \$1,000 graduate student scholarship award are now being solicited for the Miles McInnis Memorial Student Award. Miles served the anglers of New Mexico for 24 years first as a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Conservation Officer and then as the southeast fisheries manager. “Hey Bub!” greeted not only the anglers he served, but also his colleagues. Miles truly enjoyed fishing the waters he managed. Although walleye and bass fishing were his forte, Miles took pleasure in his annual sojourn to the San Juan River. The anglers of the State of New Mexico lost a true friend and excellent fisheries biologist and manager when he lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 2001.

These two awards provide monetary assistance for the selected candidates that are focusing their education in the general area of fisheries science. An award committee of fisheries scientists will make the decision regarding the awards, and the decision will be based on the criteria below. The money will be awarded for the fall and spring semesters, 2017-2018. Recipient(s) will be honored and receive the award at the annual chapter meeting awards banquet in Farmington, New Mexico, February 9-11, 2017.

Application Criteria and Process

1. Applicants must be a member of the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the AFS at time of application.
2. Undergraduate applicants must have completed at least 45 hours of study at a university in Arizona or New Mexico; graduate applicants must have completed at least 6 hours of study at a university in Arizona or New Mexico.
3. Applicants must have a major field of study that is related to fisheries or aquatic science.
4. Applicants must not be graduating prior to December 2017.
5. Applicants must submit an application package containing the following:
 - A letter to the award committee that includes:
 - Eligibility based on criteria 1-4 above (provide membership, credit hours, degree, expected graduation date);
 - A statement of the applicants career goals and reasons for applying for the award (<200 words);
 - A description of the student’s involvement in the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the AFS and AFS in general;
 - A description of involvement/experience with fisheries management agencies/professionals;

- Undergraduate students: a description of a noteworthy project outside of classes; graduate students: a description of graduate project;
- The names, addresses and phone numbers of two faculty members familiar with the student's background and abilities;
- Copies of undergraduate or graduate transcripts showing current student enrollment and GPA.

Please submit the application package before January 20, 2017 via email to:

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