

Important Announcement!
Call for Submissions

Wildlife Student Oral Presentation Competition
Arizona and New Mexico Chapters of The Wildlife Society
Joint Annual Meeting 2020

Student research will be evaluated by a panel of distinguished wildlife biologists representing both chapters. To enter the competition, students must submit a written summary of their research. To be competitive, these should be final or near final results of the student's research. The panel of judges will evaluate the written summary of the student's research (i.e., based on the merits of the research) to determine a short-list of the top 3 students from each state. The 6 finalists then will compete during a special symposium of the meeting on Friday 31 January; each student's presentation will be 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions. The 6 finalists will be recognized with a certificate at the awards banquet (selection as a finalist is an important accomplishment in itself). The panel of judges will determine the winner from each chapter and the overall best paper. The top paper from each chapter will receive a certificate and cash award and the overall winner will receive a certificate and bonus cash award.

Students not selected to be among the 6 finalists will be given a presentation time during the regular technical sessions.

Experience presenting research at professional meetings is an important part of a student's professional development. Consequently, we strongly encourage all students that are involved with research to present a poster or presentation, even if they decide to submit to the general student sessions. Poster presentations will be evaluated and will compete for a separate best poster award.

Benefits:

- 1) Judging will be consistent.
- 2) The stature of the best wildlife student presentation award will be elevated.
- 3) Symposium attendees will be able to see all of the "best papers".
- 4) All six finalists will gain better recognition.

How to Apply:

- 1) Eligibility: Students may be of any rank, including students who have graduated within the preceding 12 months of the JAM (i.e., after February 2019). The student must be first author on the research. The student must be a member of either the Arizona Chapter or New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society.
- 2) Prepare your application in a word processor using a standard font no smaller than 11pt, single spacing, and at least one inch margins. Save the completed application as an unsecured pdf with the file name "TWS Student Competition Application—[Last Name]".
- 3) Application is not to exceed TWO single-spaced pages including tables, figures, and literature citations. Include the following information:
 - a) Student name, institutional address, email address
 - b) Advisor's name; list of coauthors in order of recognition
 - c) Summary of research including title, a brief introduction, methods, results, conclusions, and significance or management implications
- 4) Attach the pdf of your application to an email addressed to Andrew Jones (AJones@azgfd.gov) with a subject line "TWS Student Competition Application_[Last Name]".
- 5) The deadline for application is Saturday, December 15th, 2019 5:00 PM MST.