

**Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of the
American Fisheries Society
Miles McInnis Memorial Student Award
2023 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 award and one \$1,000 graduate student award are now being solicited. This award program provides an opportunity for two students 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, 2023-2024. Recipient(s) will be honored at the virtual business meeting of the Joint Annual Meeting on February 2, 2023. The award will be mailed to the recipients.

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 2023.
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 applicant's 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.
6. Applications received that do not include all of the above information will not be considered.

Student Sub-unit Chapter Challenge

The AZ/NM Chapter ExCom is challenging all student sub-unit chapters to encourage your student members to apply for a scholarship! We challenge each sub-unit to ensure submission of applications for at least one undergraduate and one graduate award.

Please submit the application package before January 16, 2023 via email to:

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