

American Fisheries Society - Bioengineering Section Ned Taft Student Travel Award Program & Application

Background

Student attendance at AFS Annual and Division meetings frequently is problematic because of the costs for travel and accommodations. To encourage Annual and Division meeting participation by students specializing in bioengineering-related research, the AFS Bioengineering Section (BES) has established a travel award program to reimburse travel costs up to a maximum of \$800. Two awards will be made each year. Additional awards are possible and subject to BES Executive Committee (EXCOM) authorization. Requirements for award include completion of the application (obtainable at the AFS-BES web site (<http://www.fisheries.org/be/#>) and presentation of an oral or poster presentation at the Annual or Division Meeting (note: alternative meeting presentations are possible subject to review and approval of the BES EXCOM).

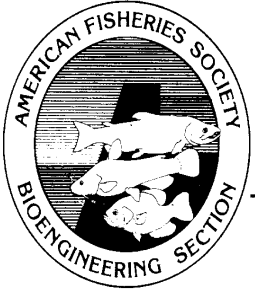
This award has been named in honor of Edward (Ned) P. Taft, III who passed away on September 5, 2009 after almost 18 months of courageously battling brain cancer. Ned was a national-international expert in fish passage and protection technologies. An AFS member since 1974, President of the AFS Bioengineering Section from 2000-2001, and contributor to several AFS committees, Ned was a leader in fish passage and protection technology development and a champion of education for fish passage and protection. Ned 'retired' as President of Alden Research Laboratory, Inc. of Holden, MA in May 2009. As a champion of bioengineering education, naming this award for him is the Section's way to honor his many contributions to the bioengineering discipline and foster his memory.

Rules & Eligibility

1. Open to degree-program students involved in undergraduate or graduate research at an accredited public or private university
2. Student must be an AFS and BES member
3. Presentation topic must be in the bioengineering-related topical areas (fish passage, screening, ecosystem restoration, aquatic telemetry, aquaculture, bioengineering education and other engineering-fisheries management topical areas not otherwise specified)
4. Application must be filed by December 31 in the year preceding the planned travel and presentation
5. The application package must include a letter of advocacy from their academic advisor or other appropriate faculty member at the student's college or university. This letter should state (1) why the student deserves the award and (2) corroborate the need for the award.
6. Expenses are reimbursed following the presentation and submittal of travel and accommodation receipts. The maximum reimbursement is \$800. Expenses will be

reimbursed for travel costs to and from the meeting and for accommodation costs incurred during the meeting dates.

7. Award selections will be made by majority vote of the BES EXCOM (i.e., President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Chairman of standing ad-hoc or other official BES committees) based on the criteria of merit and need.. The EXCOM in its judgment may select one, two, or three or no recipients for awards.
8. Those selected for awards will be notified by telephone or e-mail no later than January 15 of each year.



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Use this form to apply for the Bioengineering Section (BES) of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) Ned Taft Student Travel Award. This award is intended to assist students traveling to the annual AFS conference and AFS Division Conference (travel award for other conferences are possible at the review and discretion of the BES Award Committee). Students are eligible for an \$800 travel award only if they are presenting a bioengineering-related oral or poster presentation.

Questions can be directed to Dr. Ted Castro-Santos, President, AFS-BES;
tcastro_santos@usgs.gov

Completed applications must be received by December 31 of the year preceding the planned travel.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone:

College/University:

Degree Program (include year started):

Major Advisor:

Major Advisor Contact Information (voice & email):

Research Topic:

Planned Meeting for Presentation (Date & Location):

Has Abstract been submitted for Presentation Consideration (accepted?)?

Presentation Title:

Reason for Meeting Attendance and Presentation:

Presentation Abstract (500 words or less)

Submit electronic application along with letter of advocacy from major advisor to: Dr. Ted Castro-Santos, President, AFS-BES; tcastro_santos@usgs.gov (call and confirm receipt at 413-863-3838)