

Extension for Student Awards

The Estuaries Section is still accepting applications for support for travel to the AFS annual meeting in Ottawa through July 23. Please follow the directions below.

Announcement of Student Awards

The Estuaries Section of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) is pleased to offer financial awards for three undergraduate or graduate students in support of their attendance at the AFS 2008 Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for August 17-21 in Ottawa, Canada. The amount of each award will be \$500 and will include a one-year membership in the Estuaries Section.

Priority will be given to students who are presenting their own research at the conference (in an oral or poster presentation), are AFS Estuaries Section members representing a Southern Association of Marine Laboratories (SAML) institution, and have a demonstrated financial need, but the selection committee will consider other students as well. A list of SAML institutions can be found at <http://www.naml.org>; click on the SAML link.

Application procedures

1. Interested students must submit a letter of application describing: (a) educational and professional background including whether they will be presenter at the meeting, (b) interest in pursuing a career related to the mission of the Estuaries Section (<http://www.fisheries.org/estuaries>) and (c) a statement of financial need. The letter must include all contact information including mailing address, telephone number(s) and e-mail address.
2. 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 (a) why the student deserves the award and (b) corroborate the need for the award.
3. Send the letter to:

Fred Goetz, Seattle District, 4735 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, WA 98134. Submissions by facsimile (fax) are acceptable: send the fax to (206) 764-4470; electronic applications may also be sent by email to fred.goetz@usace.army.mil or fgoetz@comcast.net. Questions may be directed to Fred at (206) 764-3515 or by email.

4. *The complete application must be received no later than 5:00PM on July 23, 2008 -Extension Period*

Selection procedures

All applications received by **July 23, 2008** will be reviewed by a committee representing the Executive Committee of the Estuaries Section. The applications will be judged on the criteria of merit and need. The Committee in its judgment may select one, two, three or no recipients for awards.

Awards and notification

Those selected for awards will be notified by telephone or e-mail no later than **July 25, 2008**. Award will be paid by check at the AFS Annual Meeting in Ottawa, during the Estuaries Section reception and business meeting on Tuesday, August 19. The reception will begin at 5:30 PM in the Chateau Laurier, Tudor.