

## Southwest Section of TWS Chapter Meeting Registration Awards

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society is soliciting applications for Chapter Meeting Registration Awards. These awards will cover the conference registration fee for three full-time students from each state chapter represented in the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society (i.e., Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico) to attend their respective annual chapter meeting.

### **Application Format:**

The application package should be addressed to the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society Board and consists of a cover letter and current resume. The cover letter should be no longer than one page, and the resume no longer than two pages. Please use standard one inch margins and size 12 font. The application package should contain the following information:

In their **cover letter**, applicants should briefly describe their academic and professional goals, and include details on past and anticipated future contributions to the conservation of biodiversity in the Southwestern United States, including Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and elsewhere. Applicants should also provide information on relevant leadership experience, either through academic or professional experiences or extracurricular activities. Finally, applicants must provide a brief statement of financial need as it pertains to conference attendance, thoroughly describe how attendance at the meeting will directly benefit the applicant, and how the applicant will maximize the opportunity to attend. Applicants that have not previously received the conference registration award will be given primary consideration.

**Resumes** should contain detailed information on educational experience including: field of study; college or university where currently enrolled and those previously attended; expected date of completion; completed relevant coursework; and cumulative grade point average. Additional information on honors, awards, and/or scholarships previously received is also appropriate. Resumes should also include information on professional experience, whether paid or volunteer, including employers, locations, time periods, and brief descriptions of work responsibilities.

### **Conference Award Criteria:**

The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society Board reviews applications and determines awardees through a ranked review process based on the following criteria:

- Current cumulative grade point average and related educational experience and/or achievements receive the highest consideration during the review process.
- Demonstrated leadership through professional and/or academic experiences and involvement in the State Chapter and/or Southwest Section is also given consideration during the review process.
- The Southwest section is also interested in demonstrated financial need and details provided by the applicant that adequately describe how conference attendance will be of direct benefit.

Whether or not the applicant is giving an oral presentation or poster will be considered but will not be the sole determinant.

**Application Submittals:**

Applications for Chapter Meeting Registration Awards should be submitted electronically to: Kay Nicholson, President of the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society:

Texas Chapter Meeting, February 21-23, 2024:

- Please submit applications via email by **31 December 2023** to [Kay.E.Nicholson@jacobs.com](mailto:Kay.E.Nicholson@jacobs.com).

Arizona/New Mexico Joint Annual Meeting, February 1-3, 2024:

- Please submit applications via email by **31 December 2023** to [Kay.E.Nicholson@jacobs.com](mailto:Kay.E.Nicholson@jacobs.com).

Please write **Chapter Meeting Registration Awards** in the subject line and include the submittal package as one email attachment (pdf is preferred) using the following naming format:

Applicant Name\_Your State Chapter\_SWSTWS Meeting Registration Award\_Year

**Example:** Kay Nicholson\_AZ Chapter\_SWSTWS Meeting Registration Award\_2024