

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 2 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 (cover letter and resume):

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. 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. Applicants must also send their current **resume**.

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: Nicole Tatman, President of the Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society at tws.southwest.section@gmail.com. Applications must be received by **31 December 2024**.

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: Nicole Tatman_NM Chapter_SWSTWS Meeting Registration Award_2025