

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

INTRODUCTION

The North Central Weed Science Society is offering up to four (4) Travel Awards to qualifying students for their first attendance at the NCWSS annual meeting. The Society reserves the right to increase the number of Travel Awards based on additional financial support from a corporate sponsor. **This award will provide a complimentary registration for the annual meeting.** Students and/or their advisor are responsible for all remaining costs incurred to attend the NCWSS annual meeting, including hotel, travel, and meals. This travel grant program is intended to encourage student involvement in the NCWSS annual meeting while students are in the early portion of their graduate program. No more than one applicant will be permitted per advisor.

ELIGIBILITY AND EXPECTATIONS OF NOMINEES

Nominees must have not yet attended a NCWSS annual meeting. Graduate and Undergraduate students may apply for the Travel Award. Preference will be given to students not in traditional (historical participation) weed science programs. Examples include: Junior colleges, small colleges, state colleges, non-land grant universities, etc. Applicants must be enrolled and in good standing from an accredited institution with an interest in weed science or related programs and a desire to become a contributing member of the NCWSS annual meeting.

The applicant must be willing to work at the NCWSS annual meeting in a responsible and professional manner as directed. Work responsibilities may include assisting with session operations, supporting the registration desk, poster session set-up or teardown, or other related duties involved in the operations of the NCWSS annual meeting.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Preparation: To assure that a nominee can be adequately evaluated for the award, the nomination document must be accurately prepared and contain the required information.

Submission: An electronic copy of the nomination should be e-mailed to the Chairperson of the Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee at the address given with the Call for Nominations. Each copy must contain the components listed below in the "Nomination Package" section.

Submission deadline: All materials must be received by the DAAC Chairperson by September 1st in the year of nomination to be considered.

Nomination Package

The **cover page** should include:

1. Statement of nomination. "Nomination of _____ for the NCWSS Student Travel Award"
2. Nominee. Name, university, complete mailing address, telephone number, and email address
3. Nominator: Name, current university, complete mailing address, telephone number, and email address
4. Nominee's Current Degree Program (B.S., M.S. or PhD)
5. If in graduate school, beginning date of the student's current graduate degree program.
6. A brief description of the student's current research activities
7. Current GPA (not necessary for students in their first semester of school)
8. Provide the title and abstract for any presentations planned for the upcoming NCWSS.
9. Applicant's objectives for attending NCWSS annual meeting in 300 words or less.

Letter of Support: Letter of support is required from the applicant's supporting faculty member. The letter should address the applicant's reason for participation in the NCWSS annual meeting and the likelihood that the applicant's goals while at the NCWSS annual meeting can be met, The letter of support should be no more than 300 words.

Selection Process

The Past-Past President will lead the NCWSS Distinguished Achievement Award Committee evaluation of the nominations and recommend the students selected to receive the Travel Awards to the NCWSS Executive Committee for ratification.

The students and their faculty member receiving the Travel Awards will be notified by the Executive Secretary.