

# STUDENTS...APPLY NOW FOR 2009 OREGON AFS SCHOLARSHIPS!

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## **OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

### ***Undergraduate and Graduate Student 2009 Scholarship Application Guidelines:***

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is proud to announce a competition for four student scholarships (associate, undergraduate, Master's, and Doctoral student categories). Scholarships will be formally awarded at the 2009 ORAFS Annual Meeting in Bend, Oregon. The goal of these scholarships is to further the objectives of AFS by rewarding and promoting the education and development of future fisheries professionals. The award will consist of a check for \$2,000, one year of student membership in AFS (may be a renewal), an award certificate, recognition at the 2009 Annual Meeting and in *Fisheries* and the *Piscatorial Press*, and group lodging and refunded registration at the 2009 ORAFS Annual Meeting February 23-26, 2009, in Bend.

### **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicant must be enrolled in or have been accepted for admission into a degree program within the state of Oregon
2. Applicant's major field of study must be relevant to fisheries science.
3. Applicant must be a current member of AFS, but may join AFS at the time of the scholarship application (see Oregon Chapter AFS website: [www.orafs.org](http://www.orafs.org))
4. Applicant must not have been previously awarded the Oregon Chapter AFS Scholarship.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Each applicant must submit the following:

1. A short, 3-page essay (maximum 1,400 words, single spaced) describing how your academic and professional development has and/or will contribute to the AFS objectives of:
  - advancing the conservation, development, and appropriate use of fisheries resources;
  - promoting the development and advancement of all branches of fisheries science;
  - gathering and disseminating scientific and technical information about fisheries; and
  - encouraging the teaching of fisheries science and practice in colleges and universities.You are encouraged to include undergraduate and graduate experience or research, along with volunteer and work experience to demonstrate the relevance of your professional development to the objectives of AFS. Essays may also describe any grants, honors, or awards you have earned; or the influence of a class project or how you think your future contribution to fisheries science issues will promote the objectives of AFS. Essays will be

judged based on the ability to communicate your ideas in writing and how well your goals further the objectives of AFS. Include your name, address, phone number, email address, school and department of enrollment, major, year in college, degree pursuing, anticipated graduation date, scholarship category (i.e., A.A., B.B., M.S., PhD. or Carl Bond Scholarship), and AFS membership number or proof of membership application.

2. Copies of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended to date (photocopies of official transcripts will be accepted).
3. Two letters of recommendation from mentors, or other professionals, one of which must be an AFS member. The letters should address the potential of the applicant to be a productive member of AFS and to contribute to fisheries science.

Scholarship application materials must be postmarked by January 9, 2009

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