**Alaska Chapter - American Fisheries Society**

**2020 Cultural Diversity Travel Award**

The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is pleased to announce the availability of a monetary award[[1]](#footnote-1) to cover travel expenses for an Alaska Native or other minority/under-represented person to attend the 2020 Alaska Chapter AFS Meeting, March 23-26, 2020 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

* Be an Alaskan Native or under-represented minority (in terms of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background) in a field of fisheries science or a related discipline.
* Be in an entry level/early career position or undergraduate or graduate student, defined as one or more of the following:

1) Fisheries Biologist I, Fish and Wildlife Technician II or III, or equivalent natural resource position in the State of Alaska employment system,

2) GS-7 or lower level position in the U.S. government employment system,

3) An entry-level fisheries or related science position in a public, private, or non-governmental organization, and/or

4) A university level student in good standing in the field of fisheries or related discipline. If undeclared, the student must show interest in pursuing fisheries or a related field.

Applicants will be evaluated on their professional, educational, and/or volunteer experiences, interest in fisheries or related field(s), interest in professional advancement, reason(s) for attending the conference, references, and financial need. Preference will be given to individuals with the following qualifications (not required to apply):

1. Demonstrated commitment to the field of fisheries or related discipline, and/or clear intention to pursue a career in fisheries or related discipline; and
2. Demonstrated need for monetary assistance to attend this conference.

*Please note that the award includes a one-year membership to the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and may cover registration, lodging, and transportation costs related to attending the annual meeting. Partial awards are sometimes available, depending on funding.*

Several opportunities for networking will be available for the recipient of the award.

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**Submit a completed application by 5 pm Alaska Standard Time on February 14, 2020** to:

Sara Gilk-Baumer

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

333 Raspberry Rd

Anchorage, AK 99518

NOTE: If you would like assistance in completing this application, please contact Sara at 907-267-2535, fax 267-2442, e-mail sara.gilk@alaska.gov or use the above address.

Applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of their application by February 28, 2020.

**APPLICATION FORM**

### 2020 Alaska Chapter AFS Cultural Diversity Travel Award

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| **Name:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Email address:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Mailing Address:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **City, State, Zip:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Phone:** | Click here to enter text. |

**Are you an Alaska Native and/or under-represented minority** (e.g.,in terms of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or socioeconomic background)**?** Enter Yes or No.

If yes, please self-identify (optional): Click here to enter text.

**Are you in an entry/early career level position, or a university level student?** Enter Yes or No.

If yes, please specify your position or degree sought: Click here to enter text.

**Have you submitted an abstract for this meeting?** Enter Yes or No.

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| **Abstract title:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Session:** | Click here to enter text. |

*(please attach copy of abstract to this application, if applicable)*

**Where will you be traveling from?** Click here to enter text.

**Do you anticipate needing monetary assistance for the following?** Please enter cost estimates for each.

Airfare Cost est. $ Housing Cost est. $ Registration Cost est. $

Ground Transport. Cost est. $ Meals Cost est. $ Other Please specify

**Are you eligible for or have you sought funding elsewhere to attend this meeting (e.g., grant funding, student travel award, Molly Ahlgren scholarship)?** Please explain.

**Have you received the Cultural Diversity Travel Award previously?** Enter Yes or No.

**In addition to submitting the completed form above, please provide a 1-page cover letter addressing the following:**

* How identifying as an underrepresented minority has impacted your academic or professional experiences and/or how you have supported and encouraged diversity and inclusion within the fisheries profession.
* Your interests and experiences in fisheries or other natural resource related issues.
* Your short-term and long-term personal and career goals.
* Your reasons for wanting to attend the Alaska Chapter AFS meeting.

*Please note: It is the policy of the Alaska Chapter AFS Diversity and Inclusion Committee that committee members shall respect the privacy, confidentiality and security of personal information.  Application information will not be shared with any third party without the applicant’s direct consent.*

**Please list three people who can tell us about your interests & experience in fisheries or other natural resource programs.** (Alternatively, you may submit letters of recommendation with this application.)

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1. The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society reserves the right not to present any awards. The recipients of these awards are not eligible for any other Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society travel award in the same year. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)