

Alaska Chapter - American Fisheries Society Molly Ahlgren Undergraduate Scholarship

2021 Application Procedure

The Molly Ahlgren Scholarship was established by the family of Dr. Molly Ahlgren and the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in 2004 to honor her life and dedication as an Associate Professor of environmental science at Sheldon Jackson College < <http://www.afs-alaska.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2012/04/onco251.pdf> >. There is \$5,000 available from the Molly Ahlgren Scholarship Fund to be awarded either as one or two Scholarships which will be determined by the qualifications of the applicants. The maximum Scholarship amount would be \$5,000 with the minimum amount being \$2,000. The Scholarship will be provided for the 2021 Spring semester to undergraduate students in their junior year of studies pursuing a baccalaureate degree involving the disciplines of fisheries, aquatic or biological science. The Scholarship selection will be made in the fall of 2020 and funds will be made available for the Spring 2021 semester.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Be a junior only, by accumulation of credits as determined by the University of Alaska System or Alaska Pacific University involving the disciplines of fisheries, aquatic or biological science and is in good academic standing with their respective institution.**
- **Demonstrate the potential for future contributions to a fisheries, aquatic or biological science related profession.**
- **Demonstrate financial need.**
- **Be a member of the American Fisheries Society or in the process of obtaining membership.**
- **Meet the application deadline of 5:00 pm Alaska Time, 13 November 2020.**

Applicants will be evaluated on their work and/or educational experiences and interest in the disciplines involving fisheries, aquatic or biological science, interest in professional advancement, and reason(s) for financial need. The scholarship recipient will be introduced at the Alaska Chapter Annual Meeting to be held in Homer from 22–25 March 2021 (contingent on SARS-CoV-2 health and safety thresholds). All travel and meeting registration expenses will be paid for by the Alaska Chapter. The scholarship recipient will be required to write a brief statement about their experience at the Alaska Chapter meeting that will be published in the Alaska Chapter’s newsletter, *Oncorhynchus*.

APPLICATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

1. Applicants must be a member of the American Fisheries Society or have submitted 2020/2021 membership materials by the time of application. <<https://fisheries.org/membership/join/>> *AFS member number should be placed on the application if the applicant is a current member in good standing.*
2. Applicants must have a major field of study involving the disciplines of fisheries, aquatic or biological science.
3. Applicants must be an undergraduate student considered to be a junior only, by accumulation of credits as determined by the University of Alaska System or Alaska Pacific University and in good academic standing with their respective institution.
4. Applicants must submit an application package that contains all of the following:

A. Application form

1. A brief description of the student's degree program and the anticipated date of completion.
2. A statement of the applicant's career goals and reasons for applying for the scholarship.
3. A statement of the applicant's academic and professional activities and contributions to AFS and what they hope to accomplish in the fisheries, aquatic or biological science profession.
4. A statement of financial need.

B. A resume and a copy of undergraduate transcripts.

C. Letters of reference from two people familiar with the student's background and abilities, one must be from a faculty member of the applicant's university.

D. The completed application package that contains the application form, resume, transcripts, and letters of reference must be submitted electronically to this email address <akafs.ahlgren.award@gmail.com>. The applicant's name must be referenced on each document.

**THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
5:00 PM ALASKA TIME, 13 November 2020**

Late or incomplete application packages will not be considered.

SEND TO:

akafs.ahlgren.award@gmail.com

In your email subject line, enter "2021 Molly Ahlgren Scholarship: your name" for each document submitted.

Applicants will receive application receipt confirmation before the submission deadline. You may contact Ray Hander for receipt confirmation:

Email: ray_hander@fws.gov, phone: 907-456-0402.

2021 APPLICATION FORM

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Name: _____ **Email address:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone Number: **(work)** _____ **(fax)** _____ **(home, optional)** _____

American Fisheries Society member number: _____ *(if current member in good standing)*

University of record: _____

Degree major: _____ **Anticipated date of graduation:** _____

- 1) **Please describe your interests and experiences that demonstrate your involvement in fisheries, aquatic or biological science related issues. Experience may include activities at home, volunteer work, workshops, employment, and/or school. Also, please list any natural resource related awards, scholarships, or honors received.**

- 2) **Please describe your personal and career goals and particular interest related to fisheries, aquatic or biological science.**

- 3) **Please describe your financial needs and how this scholarship will help you to achieve your goal.**