

## **Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Travel Award**

The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AK-AFS) provides monetary awards<sup>1</sup> for persons belonging to underrepresented groups in fisheries. These funds are intended to cover registration and costs associated with traveling to/from the annual AK-AFS meeting. Successful applicants will also receive a one-year AK-AFS membership. Partial awards are sometimes given, depending on available funding.

Award recipients must meet the following requirements:

- Identify as part of an underrepresented group (e.g., in terms of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background) in fisheries science or related discipline.
- Be a full-time student in good standing or maintain an entry level position.

Applicants will also be evaluated on their demonstrated commitment and/or clear intent to pursue a career in fisheries or related discipline, reason(s) for attending the conference, and financial need.

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### **Completed applications should be emailed to:**

Cheryl Barnes (she / her)  
AK-AFS DEIC Chair  
deic@afs-alaska.org

If you have questions or would like assistance completing this application, please contact Cheryl Barnes at (831) 515-8232 or using the email address above. Applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of their application at least one month prior to the start of the annual meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## APPLICATION FORM

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**Please Note:** *The information you provide as part of this application will remain confidential and not be shared outside of the AK-AFS DEIC without the applicant's direct consent.*

**Name:**  
**Email:**  
**Phone:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Do you identify as part of an under-represented group in fisheries or a related discipline** (e.g., in terms of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or socioeconomic background)?  
If yes, please self-identify (optional):

**Do you currently maintain an entry level position or are you a full-time student?**  
If yes, please specify your position or degree sought:

**Have you submitted an abstract for this meeting?**

**Abstract Title:**

**Session:**

*Please attach a copy of your abstract to this application, if applicable.*

**Where will you be traveling from?**

**Do you anticipate needing financial assistance for the following?**

Please enter cost estimates for each.

Airfare

Housing

Registration

Ground Transportation

Meals

Other

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

**Have you previously received this award?**

**In addition this application, please provide a personal statement** (one-page maximum), **addressing the following topics:**

- How being part of an underrepresented group has impacted your academic/professional experiences AND/OR how you support/promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the fisheries profession.
- Your short- and/or long-term professional goals.
- Your reasons for wanting to attend the upcoming AK-AFS meeting.