

# **Alaska Chapter - American Fisheries Society Molly Ahlgren Undergraduate Scholarship**

## **2025 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 \$6,000 available from the Molly Ahlgren Scholarship Fund to be awarded either as one, two, or three Scholarships which will be determined by the qualifications of the applicants. The maximum Scholarship amount would be \$6,000 with the minimum amount being \$2,000. The Scholarship will be provided for the 2025 Spring semester to undergraduate students in their sophomore, junior, or senior 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 2024 and funds will be made available for the Spring 2025 semester.

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(s) will be introduced at the Alaska Chapter Annual Meeting to be held in Ketchikan, AK from 17-21 March 2025. All travel and meeting registration expenses will be paid for by the Alaska Chapter.

The Scholarship recipient(s) 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*, and become a member of the American Fisheries Society.

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### **APPLICATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

1. Applicants must have a major field of study involving the disciplines of fisheries, aquatic, or biological science.
2. Applicants must be an undergraduate student considered to be a sophomore, junior, or senior 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.
3. Applicants must submit an application package that contains all of the following:
  - A. Application form (found at the end of this application announcement)
    1. A resume, 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 challenges and need.

B. 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](mailto:akafs.ahlgren.award@gmail.com)>. The applicant's name must be referenced on each document.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT(S) POST AWARD REQUIREMENT**

1. The Scholarship recipient(s) must become an American Fisheries Society member to be eligible to receive Scholarship funds. If not already a member, the Scholarship recipient(s) must have proof of a membership application in process to the American Fisheries Society. <<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. The Scholarship recipient(s) 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*.

**THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN  
5:00 PM ALASKA TIME, Friday, 8 November 2024**

**Late or incomplete application packages will not be  
considered.**

**SEND TO:**

**[akafs.ahlgren.award@gmail.com](mailto:akafs.ahlgren.award@gmail.com)**

**In your email subject line, enter "2025 Molly Ahlgren Scholarship:  
your name" for each document submitted.**

**Applicants will receive application receipt confirmation. You are  
encouraged to contact Ray Hander for receipt confirmation prior to  
the deadline: Email: [ray\\_hander@fws.gov](mailto:ray_hander@fws.gov), phone: 907-456-0402.**

## **2024 APPLICATION FORM**

### **Alaska Chapter – American Fisheries Society Molly Ahlgren Undergraduate Scholarship**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (indicate home or mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

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

University of record: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree major: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Please provide a resume and brief description of your degree program.
- 2) Please describe your personal and career goals, particular interest related to fisheries, aquatic or biological science, and reason(s) for applying for the Scholarship.
- 3) Please describe your interests and experiences that demonstrate your involvement in fisheries, aquatic, or biological science related issues. Experience may include professional, contributions to AFS, activities at home, volunteer work, workshops, employment, and/or school.  
Also, please list any natural resource related awards, scholarships, or honors received.
- 4) Please describe your financial challenges and needs and how this Scholarship will help you to achieve your goal.