**Alaska Chapter - American Fisheries Society**

**2018 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) for an Alaska Native or other minority person to cover travel expenses to attend the 2018 Western Division AFS Annual Meeting, May 21-24, 2018 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

* Be an Alaskan Native or under-represented minority (woman, black, Hispanic, or other ethnic/ demographic minority) in a field of fisheries science or a related discipline.
* Be in an entry level position or student, defined as one or more of the following:

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

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

3) Have an entry-level fisheries or related science position in the private sector, and/or

4) Be a student in good standing in the field of fisheries or a related discipline.

Applicants will be evaluated on their work and/or educational experiences and interest in fisheries or related fields, interest in professional advancement, reason(s) for attending the conference, reference contact information, and financial need. Preference will be given to the best application package from 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;
2. Demonstrated need for monetary assistance to attend this conference;
3. Presenter at the conference; and
4. Demonstrated involvement in the American Fisheries Society.

*Please note that the award may cover registration, housing, and transportation costs only, and that partial awards are sometimes available depending on funding.*

The award recipient will be introduced at the conference. The recipient will also be expected to write a brief statement about their experience at the conference to be submitted for publication in the Summer issue of the AK Chapter newsletter, *Oncorhynchus*.

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Submit a completed copy of the following application by March 16, 2018 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, contact Sara at 907-267-2535, Fax 267-2442, e-mail sara.gilk@alaska.gov or use the above address. To be considered your application must be received by MARCH 16, 2018!

**APPLICATION FORM**

### 2018 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, woman, or other under-represented minority?** Choose Yes or No.

**Are you in an entry level position, or a student?** Choose Yes or No.

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

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| **Abstract title:** | Click here to enter text. |
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*(please attach copy of abstract to this application, if applicable)*

**Are you an AFS member?** Choose Yes or No. **If yes, since when:** Click here to enter year.

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

**Do you anticipate needing monetary assistance for the following?** (Check all that apply)

Airfare  Housing  Registration  Ground Transportation

**Have you received this award previously?** Choose Yes or No.

**Please provide a 1-page cover letter addressing the following:**

* Your interests and experiences that demonstrate your involvement in fisheries or other natural resource related issues. (Experience could include activities at home, volunteer work, workshops, employment, school, etc.)
* Your short-term and long-term personal and career goals. Are you interested in any particular field in fisheries or related natural resource fields?
* Your reasons for wanting to attend the Western Division AFS meeting. What do you hope to gain from this experience? How will it help your professional development?
* Your involvement in the American Fisheries Society.

**Please list three people who can tell us about your interest & experience in fisheries or other natural resource programs.** (Alternatively, you may submit short 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)