



Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society TOP (Training Opportunity and Project) Grant - Overview -

American Fisheries Society Mission Statement

The mission of the American Fisheries Society is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

American Fisheries Society Objectives

1. *Promote the conservation, development and wise use of the fisheries;*
2. *Promote and evaluate the development and advancement of all branches of fisheries science and practice;*
3. *Gather and disseminate to society members and the general public scientific, technical and other information about fisheries science and practice through publications, meetings, and other forms of communication;*
4. *Encourage the teaching of fisheries science and practice in colleges and universities and the continuing professional development of fisheries workers.*

Grant Overview: The Idaho Student Support Grant was established by the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in 2005. The purpose of the grant is to assist students pursuing activities consistent with the mission and objectives of the American Fisheries Society. Activities eligible for grant support may include: attendance at a professional conference, workshop or training and research or education projects outside of normal degree requirements. An example education project would include an independent study where the student conducts research or designs a project; projects required of all students for degree completion are not eligible.

Eligibility: Any student enrolled at any Idaho school.

Amount: \$50-750

Selection Criteria: Selection is based on:

1. How the activity will advance the mission and objectives of the American Fisheries Society
2. Description of how the money will be applied to the conference/training or project opportunity.

Application Process: Complete an application form (available at: <http://www.idahoafs.org/>) and submit it to:

Lauri Monnot
Education Committee Chair
DEQ
1445 North Orchard
Boise, ID 83706

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted throughout the year. The scholarship selection committee will review applications in the order they are received and award qualified recipients until the \$750 allotment is reached each year.

Notification: The winners will be recognized during the business luncheon at the annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Winners will also be notified directly upon approval by the scholarship selection committee.

Additional Information: For additional information on this program please contact Lauri Monnot at (208) 373-0461 or at Lauri.Monnot@deq.idaho.gov.

