



Bioengineering Section-Ned Taft Student Travel Award



Dear BES Membership,

The AFS Bioengineering Section (BES) is asking for application submissions for the Ned Taft Student Travel Award for travel to the AFS annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. BES established the Ned Taft Student Travel Award in honor of our distinguished former President and member Ned Taft, to encourage Annual and Division meeting participation by students specializing in bioengineering-related research. This travel award program was established to reimburse travel costs up to a maximum of \$1000 to the qualified recipient.

Rules & Eligibility

1. Open to degree-program students involved in undergraduate or graduate research at an accredited public or private university.
2. Student must be an AFS and BES member when the application is reviewed by the BES ExCom. (Note: Students can become members of the BES through the ordinary renewal process for AFS dues at <https://fisheries.org/membership/> by additionally selecting the Bioengineering Section. Student membership is \$25.)
3. Presentation topic must be in bioengineering-related topical areas. For example, but not limited to: fish passage, screening, ecosystem restoration, aquatic telemetry, aquaculture, bioengineering education, fish interactions energy projects, and other engineering-fisheries management topical areas.
4. Application must be filed by August 31 in the year preceding the planned travel and presentation.
5. The application package must include a letter of advocacy from the student's academic advisor or other appropriate faculty member at the student's college or university. This letter should state (1) why the student deserves the award and (2) corroborate the need for the award.
6. A presentation of an oral or poster presentation must be made at the Annual or a Divisional AFS Meeting.
7. Recipient must be physically present to receive the award at the AFS Bioengineering Section Annual meeting held in conjunction with the AFS Annual Meeting.
8. Award selections will be made by majority vote of the BES ExCom (i.e., President, Past-President, President-Elect, and Treasurer/Secretary) based on the perceived merit and need. The ExCom may select multiple recipients for awards.
9. Those selected for awards will be notified by telephone or email no later than June 15 of each year. Notification shall specify the amount of the award. Expenses will be reimbursed only at the BES Annual Business Meeting (recipients not in physical attendance will forfeit their award.)
10. Submit documentation of anticipated expenses by email to the BES Treasurer/Secretary 24-48 hours prior to the Annual Business meeting. The eligible expenses covered are (1) lodging expenses at the AFS venue, up to 4 nights, plus \$50/day meal and incidental expenses and (2) AFS Annual Meeting Registration Expenses.
11. BES Treasurer/Secretary will assess the request for reimbursement and the sufficiency of the documentation provided, and, when the Treasurer/Secretary is satisfied that the conditions have been met, prepare the check so that payment can be made at the BES Annual Business Meeting. BES President may unilaterally waive any or all formalities when making payment.

Questions? Contact Jenna Rackovan at jrackovan@aldenlab.com for an application.

Sincerely,



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Jessica Pica - AFS-BES Treasurer/Secretary

**American Fisheries Society- Bioengineering Section
Ned Taft Student Travel Award Program Application**

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Contact Information

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Cell Phone:

College/University:

Degree Program (include year started):

Major Advisor:

Major Advisor Contact Information (voice & email):

Presentation Topic Information

Research Topic (Bioengineering-related):

Has Abstract been submitted for Presentation Consideration (or accepted?):

Presentation Title:

Presentation Abstract (500 words or less):

Additional Information:

1) Paragraph from applicant which describes your past or current involvement with AFS and/or BES, why you would like to attend the annual meeting, and what are your future career plans or goals.

2) Letter of advocacy from the student's academic advisor or other appropriate faculty member at the student's college or university, which states (1) why the student deserves the award and (2) corroborate the need for the award.