

**Procedure for the North Carolina Chapter American Fisheries Society  
Student Travel Award Program – 2025**

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (NC AFS) encourages participation of students in the annual meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. Support is provided via an award of \$500 to help with the costs of travel, registration, and accommodations. Awards will be made directly to the students prior to the meeting.

**Eligibility Requirements and Limitations:**

Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled as a full-time at any college or university within the State of North Carolina is eligible. Specifically, each applicant must (1) be a registered full-time student at an in-state institution; (2) Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of the application; and (3) obtain a written endorsement from a faculty adviser.

**Application Materials:**

One copy of the complete application package must be received by the Awards Committee on or before January 15. Failure to meet the deadline or to follow instructions invalidates the application. Group applications will not be accepted. The application package includes:

- 1) A completed application form (posted on Chapter web site).
- 2) A one-page essay describing career interests and objectives.
- 3) A letter of recommendation (one page maximum) from a faculty adviser.

**Evaluation Procedures:**

Applicants will be ranked on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1) Completeness and timeliness of the application package;
- 2) Quality of the essay;
- 3) Letter of recommendation; and
- 4) Equal Opportunity Criteria.

Submit application materials on or before January 15 by E-mail to: Dr. Ryan Heise at [Ryan.Heise@duke-energy.com](mailto:Ryan.Heise@duke-energy.com).