

Lake Research Student Grants Program

Sponsored by Michigan Chapter North American Lake Management Society and Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc.

The Michigan Chapter North American Lake Management Society (McNALMS) is a non-profit organization with federal 501(c) 3 status. The Society's mission is to promote understanding and comprehensive management of Michigan's inland lake ecosystems. McNALMS is a proactive, project-oriented organization forging collaborative partnerships to further the protection and quality of Michigan's inland lakes. The Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (MLSA) is also a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation made up of organizations, corporations, associations and individuals who share a goal of preserving and protecting Michigan's vast heritage of freshwater resources. McNALMS and MLSA have forged a partnership to offer this student grants program.

The purpose of the Lake Research Student Grants Program is to promote University student efforts to work with lakes and lake communities to enhance lake management. Projects that increase the understanding of lake ecology, strengthen collaborative lake management, build lake partnerships and/or expand citizen involvement in lake management are eligible for consideration. This year McNALMS and MLSA expect to fund one or more projects from a total pool of \$4,000.

Who May Apply?

All applicants must be members or enroll as members of McNALMS when their application is submitted. Membership is **free** for full-time students. Membership applications are available on the McNALMS website at www.mcnalms.org. Applicants must be either:

- University/College graduate student(s) conducting applied research/outreach projects.
- University/College undergraduate student(s) working on special studies projects.
- Students enrolled in the Michigan Lake and Stream Leaders Institute, Michigan Conservation Stewards Program, or similar Watershed Academy.

Grant Application Deadlines

A Call for Proposals will be announced in December of each year. For 2017, proposals are due by 5:00 pm on February 17, 2017. Awards will be made in late March or early April.

Funds Distribution

In most cases, the cash award will be donated to the Department or Program in which the student resides with the understanding that the funds are earmarked for that student. Funds can be used for hourly support/wages, supplies, and travel. Equipment purchases including computers, smartphones, and tablets are not allowed.

Uncompleted Projects

If projects are not completed in the one-year time frame, grant recipient(s) may be asked to return up to 50% of the grant funds awarded. Extensions of up to three months may be considered.

Project Renewals

Grant recipient(s) may submit a grant request in a subsequent year's grant process for additional funds to continue or expand their project.

Project Products

Grant recipients must submit a one page six-month progress report, which should include the amount of funds spent up to that time. At the end of the project period the grant recipient(s) must submit a three to five page report detailing the project's goals, methods and results.

Grant recipient(s) may be asked and are encouraged to present and discuss their project and results at a McNALMS or MLSA meeting or other educational event.

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Lake Research Student Grants Program Application Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

University/College/Program Attending _____

Department, if applicable _____

Name of Advisor/Coordinator _____ Email _____

Title of Proposal _____ Amount Requested _____

Will the funds requested be used to enhance an ongoing funded project? Yes No

Documents to be submitted

A two to three page project proposal including:

- Description of the project and how it will enhance inland lake ecosystems, lake management, collaborative lake management, lake partnerships or expand citizen involvement in lake management
- Methodology section describing the methods used to implement the project
- Description of how the results will be analyzed
- Anticipated outputs and outcomes from the project
- Project timeline
- Partners/collaborators on the project
- Budget, including salaries/hourly wages, supplies, travel, and any matching funds (matching funds are not required)
- Up to two-page curriculum vitae (not included as part of the proposal page limit)

McNALMS and MLSA will not pay for any indirect costs or facilitation fees. Additional information from applicants may be requested by the Grants Committee. Final selection of grant recipients is at the discretion of the Grants Committee and Board of Directors of McNALMS.

Certification

If a grant is awarded for the attached application, the grant recipient(s) agrees to complete the project and provide the required products. All applicants must be members of McNALMS (membership is free for students).

Print Name

Signature

Date

Applications should be emailed to: mcnalms@mcnalms.org or sent by mail to: Lake Students Grants Program, Michigan Chapter, NALMS, PO Box 4812, East Lansing, MI 48826. Deadline for 2017 grant proposals is **February 17, 2017**.