

STIPEND NOTICE

2015 MAINE WETLANDS RESEARCH STIPEND

January 12, 2015

Dear Professors/Advisors:

The Maine Association of Wetland Scientists (MAWS) is offering up to two wetland research stipends to actively enrolled students or student teams for use on a research project relating to Maine wetlands for up to \$1,000 total. This announcement is being circulated to colleges and universities in Maine with departments known to be involved in wetland-related studies. Members of the MAWS Executive Committee will review applicants' Proposals/Abstracts and the stipend(s) will be awarded in May of 2015. The selected student(s) are required to give a presentation on the outcome or progress of the research project at the MAWS annual membership meeting, usually held in March, within one-year of receiving the stipend. The winner(s) will receive free attendance at the annual meeting (lunch included), and reimbursement of travel expenses subject to approval. The annual meeting typically includes various technical speakers in the field of wetland science.

If you are familiar with the Society of Wetland Scientists student research grant program, you may recognize some similarities between our application forms. A signature by the student advisor is required to verify active enrollment. MAWS would appreciate your posting or distributing this notice and application to students. The stipends are offered with the hope that the research project might be integrated into a Senior thesis, an independent study project, graduate thesis work or some other wetland related program your college/university may offer.

If you have questions about these stipends or have suggestions to offer about future stipends, please contact me. In addition, for related information, including the enclosed stipend application materials, visit MAWS on-line at www.mainewetlands.org.

MAWS implements and participates in educational programs pertaining to the study of wetlands - such as ecology, wildlife, plants, soils and hydrology - and the profession of wetland science for the Association, membership, and the public. MAWS is available as a resource to provide assistance and guidance on wetlands-related issues, so please do not hesitate to contact me should you have a question, need assistance, or wish to attend or co-organize a workshop.

Sincerely,
Aleita Burman, MAWS Ethics Chair

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In 1995, the membership of the Maine Association of Wetland Scientists (MAWS) voted to provide an annual, wetland research stipend to actively enrolled college or university students for funding of research projects relevant to Maine wetlands. MAWS is comprised of a diverse membership including wetland scientists from academia, environmental consulting firms and regulatory agencies, and in part was formed to “implement and participate in educational programs pertaining to the study of wetlands” as well as to “support and contribute to the expansion of the wetland research base” in Maine (MAWS Bylaws). The diverse membership encompasses a broad range of disciplines including botany, forestry, geology, hydrology, planning, soil science and wildlife biology.

This year, one or two wetland research stipends of up to \$1,000 total are being offered to students actively enrolled in a degree program related to wetland science. Proposals submitted on the attached form will be evaluated by members of the MAWS Executive Committee and the stipend(s) will be awarded to the selected research (projects). This form may be reproduced. The recipient(s) of the stipends are required to make a presentation on the progress/outcome of their wetland research project at a MAWS meeting within one-year of receiving the stipend.

Proposals must be submitted to the mailing address or email address (word document or PDF) below by April 03, 2015 (postmark date). The stipend(s) will be awarded in May of 2015. Content of the Proposal/Abstract to be evaluated by the MAWS Executive Committee in selection of the recipient(s) for the 2015 Maine Wetland Research stipends includes:

- a concise statement of research objectives;
- method(s) by which objectives are to be accomplished;
- significance of the research;
- what the expected results are and how this work will enhance our understanding of Maine’s wetlands; and
- purpose(s) for which the stipend will be used.

Submit Application and Abstract to:
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APPLICATION FORM 2015
MAINE ASSOCIATION OF WETLAND SCIENTISTS (MAWS)
MAINE WETLAND RESEARCH STIPEND
DUE APRIL 03, 2015

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

STUDENT STATUS: _____ DEGREE SOUGHT: _____

ENROLLMENT DATE: _____ EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: _____

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR: _____ (Signature) _____ (Print)

PROJECT RESEARCH TITLE: _____

PROPOSAL/ABSTRACT:

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