Good Morning,

I am pleased to announce that the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (MN AFS) will again partner with the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen to offer the EE Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship Award. The award carries a $900 stipend, waives the registration fee for the Chapter’s Annual Meeting, and covers the lodging costs associated with meeting attendance. Depending on the quality of the applicant pool and available funds, up to two additional Chapter Scholarships with lesser stipends may also be awarded. The scholarship competition is open to any Minnesota undergraduate pursuing a degree in fisheries, water resources, aquatic biology, or aquatic environmental science in the 2018-2019 academic year. Please inform your undergraduate students with an interest in aquatic biology about our scholarships.

Application Deadline: December 7, 2018—5 pm

Eligibility
To be considered for the scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:
· Must be earning a major in fisheries, water resources, aquatic biology, aquatic environmental science, or a closely related field at a college or university in Minnesota
· Must be a junior or senior undergraduate student
· Must be a member of or must join MN AFS (State Chapter membership is free to students)

Selection Criteria
Students are selected for scholarships based on their levels of demonstrated leadership in, passion for, and commitment to studying, understanding, conserving, and teaching about aquatic natural resources. Levels of leadership, passion, and commitment are evaluated based on:
· Leadership positions and experiences
· Internships or other work experience in the fields of fisheries, water resources, aquatic biology, or aquatic environmental science
· Undergraduate research experiences and their outcomes
· Academic achievement
· Educational and career goals
· Other information provided in the personal statement

For competitive students, additional consideration is given if the candidate is
· From an underrepresented group within the profession
· A Minnesota resident
· A member of the parent American Fisheries Society

To apply for the scholarship, fill out one of the attached application forms. Send by email attachment or US Mail to:

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