

Mississippi River Research Consortium Student Travel Scholarship

Background

The Mississippi River Research Consortium (MRRRC) is a private, non-profit organization supported by its members and by cooperating agencies, institutions, and corporations. Membership is open to all interested parties. MRRRC members are scientists, river managers, teachers, students, and individuals from government agencies, academia, private business and the general public who want to encourage both basic and applied research on the water and land resources of the Mississippi River and its watershed.

This document outlines eligibility, award, application, and selection details for the MRRRC Student Travel Scholarship Program. This scholarship is awarded annually to 3 students, permitting them to attend and present original research at the annual MRRRC conference, held in April/May of each year. This year's conference will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin at the Radisson Hotel on April 22--23, 2010.

Additional conference information and prior conference proceedings can be found on the MRRRC website: <http://www.ngrrc.org/mrrc>

Eligibility

Students in their junior or senior year of their undergraduate program, as well as graduate students, are eligible to compete for a MRRRC Student Travel Scholarship. To be eligible for the award, prospective candidates must prepare and present a **platform presentation** containing original research.

Award

Each successful candidate will be provided a \$200 scholarship to defray travel and lodging expenses. Additionally, successful candidates will have membership dues waived in the year of their successful candidacy and will become full-ranking members of the MRRRC.

Application

Prospective scholarship candidates should follow the instructions below for applying for the scholarship:

- 1) Complete the attached form;
- 2) Prepare an abstract for your presentation;
- 3) Submit your scholarship application and abstract following Call for Papers guidelines. Details concerning the Call for Proposals and additional Student Travel Scholarship application forms are available electronically at the MRRRC web site (<http://www.ngrrc.org/mrrc>).

Selection

The MRRRC Executive Governing Committee will make scholarship selections from among all candidates. Criteria for selection will include past academic performance, originality and strength of the research to be presented, and candidate statements concerning their experience, career goals, and professional interests. All candidates will be notified by April 9, 2010 on the final status of their application.

Application deadline: February 19, 2010

Address any questions to MRRRC Vice President and Program Chair, Jeff Houser, (319)384-0611 or jhouser@usgs.gov

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(Please fill in all blanks completely)

Name: _____ State of Residence: _____

Current Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

College/University: _____

Name of Adviser: _____ Major: _____

GPA (Cumulative): _____ GPA (Major): _____

Academic Class (circle): Junior Senior Graduate

Describe your work experience in the natural, physical, economic, or social sciences, focusing on its relevancy to large river management and science (please begin with your most recent employment and include volunteer work – attach additional pages if necessary):

1. Employer _____ Period of Employment _____

Nature of position _____

2. Employer _____ Period of Employment _____

Nature of position _____

3. Employer _____ Period of Employment _____

Nature of position _____

Please describe in a short paragraph why you are a good candidate for this scholarship. Include a statement of your career goals, leadership experience, and any other considerations you feel would help the selection committee. Please limit your response to one page – attach an additional page if necessary.

Application deadline: 19 February 2010

Electronic submission preferred

Send to:

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