**Diversity Travel Award**

**New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**

The New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (NYCAFS) is offering two diversity travel awards to attend the annual meeting, February 5-7, 2020 in Lake Placid, NY at the High Peaks Resort. The meeting’s theme is “Coldwater Fisheries in Light of Climate Change”, but will also include contributed presentations covering a wide range of fisheries and aquatic sciences. The meeting also includes a workshop on stream passage and connectivity that will take place on Wednesday, February 5th. The awards are designed to encourage and provide the opportunity for recipients from underrepresented groups within fisheries to attend the annual meeting and engage with members the professional fisheries community. This year, there are two awards available to apply for:

1. Given to any member of an underrepresented group (women, ethnic or racial minority, other affinity group).
2. Given specifically to a member of the Native American or Indigenous Peoples Community.

Each award includes *free meeting registration (including meals Thursday), workshop attendance, and two nights of accommodations* at the High Peaks Resort during the meeting (February 6th and 7th). Awardees are not required to give a presentation at the meeting, however, they areasked to attend the business meeting (February 6th) to accept their award.

**Application (3 steps):**

1. **Write A Short Essay (1-2 paragraphs maximum)**

Please describe your interests or experiences that demonstrate your involvement in fisheries or other natural resource related issues and explain your reason(s) for wanting to attend the annual NYCAFS meeting. Experience may include activities at home or the community, volunteer work, workshops, employment, and/or school.

1. **Complete the “Diversity Questionnaire” (Word Document, PDF)**
2. **Email complete application (as one file) to:**

Stacy Furgal, Diversity Chair, stacyfurgal@gmail.com (formats: .doc, docx or .pdf) Deadline is **December 23rd, 2019**. Make sure you receive a confirmation from stacyfurgal@gmail.com that your application was received.

**Decision Notification:**  Committee members will conduct the selection process and will notify the selected applicant of the award decision via email by January 3rd.

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**Diversity Questionnaire.**

**\*The questions below are for internal use ONLY and will not be made public.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1.) Gender

* Female
* Male
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Decline to State

2.) Country of Your Citizenship (write in below)

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3.) For U.S.A. citizens/residents, Ethnicity (more than one may be selected)

* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Asian American
* Black or African American
* Hispanic-American or Latin
* Native-Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
* White or Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Decline to State

4.) Other affinity groups with which you identify

* NONE
* Disability or differently abled
* LGBTQIA
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_