

# Klumb-Spindler Student Travel Awards

The New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is offering student “travel” awards to attend their annual meeting, February 24-26, 2021 held through a virtual meeting platform (<https://newyork.fisheries.org/annual-meeting/>). The meeting’s theme is “Embracing Diversity: Resilient Fishes and Fisheries”. These awards are to promote student research and facilitate student interaction with the fish and aquatic community in New York and the surrounding region. We encourage any student to apply regardless of the stage of their research. Project idea talks are often well received. High school, undergraduate, or graduate students presenting either an oral presentation or poster are eligible. Award decisions are based on application answers, abstract clarity, and content. Awards will include a one-year student membership to the American Fisheries Society, a one-year NY Chapter membership, and \$150. Recipients are asked to log in to the virtual business meeting (Feb 25) to accept their award.

## Klumb-Spindler Student Travel Award Application (3 parts):

1. Pick an issue or problem in fisheries that interests you. In 400 words, describe the issue and two different positions or perspectives of stakeholders, management or anyone involved in the issue. (examples: harvest allocation: commercial vs sport fishers, stocking nonnative species, overfishing, water diversion)
2. List one individual that works in the New York fisheries & aquatic community that you would like to talk to at the meeting and **why**. This should be **someone you do not currently work with or study with**. This person does not have to be attending the meeting and could be a graduate student, agency scientist, technician, or professor. (200 words).
3. Your submitted presentation which includes: title, abstract, authors, author affiliations.

## Student Travel Award Application Deadline: February 5, 2021

- If submitting more than one presentation to the meeting, please pick only one to use in your travel award
- Make sure you receive a confirmation from [bweidel@gmail.com](mailto:bweidel@gmail.com) that your application was received.
- Applicants must also register their abstracts in the online registration, applying for this award does not register you or your presentation for the meeting!
- Email all three application parts as a single document to: Brian Weidel, NYCAFS Student Subunit Chair, [bweidel@gmail.com](mailto:bweidel@gmail.com) (formats: doc, docx, or pdf)

## Meeting Abstract Submission Deadline January 29

<https://newyork.fisheries.org/annual-meeting/2021-abstract-submission-page/>

**About the Klumb-Spindler Travel Award:** The New York fisheries community lost two beloved colleagues in 2013. Dr. Robert Klumb, the lead research biologist for the USFWS Great Lakes Plains Office, and Maegan Spindler, a USFWS technician, had just finished a 12-hour day of fish sampling on the Missouri River when they were killed by a drunk driver. Maegan grew up in central New York and received a bachelor’s degree in Wildlife Science from SUNY-ESF while Rob, a Milwaukee Wisconsin native, received his PhD from Cornell University working on Alewife bioenergetics. Both were active in the New York Chapter and this award commemorates their dedication to fostering student involvement in the New York fisheries and aquatic community.

