

Education Section

Procedures and Evaluation Criteria for Funding Requests

The objectives of the Education Section of the American Fisheries Society are to: i) improve the quality of college and university education for fisheries scientists, ii) promote exchange of post-secondary education information, techniques, and materials among educators and among educational institutions, and iii) foster improved communication and information exchange among fishery educators, employers, fisheries specialists, students, and the public.

To obtain the greatest value from the limited Section resources, projects that meet the objectives of the Education Section will be prioritized for funding over those that do not.

The Executive Committee will consider the following project elements when making grant funding decisions:

Does the proposal:

1. Promote the objectives of the Education Section?
2. Elevate the visibility of the Education Section?
3. Appeal to a broad audience?
4. Have potential for generating revenue for the Education Section?

Application Process:

1. A member of the Education Section must submit the application.
2. Applications should be submitted by 1 July each year to be assured of consideration before the annual business meeting.
3. Applications must include the following information:
 - a. Title
 - b. Name, address, phone number, fax number, and email address of contact(s)
 - c. Project description (For what purpose will the funds be used? What Education Section objective(s) is addressed?)
 - d. Time to completion
 - e. Amount requested
 - f. Other funding sources
 - g. How will the contribution of the Education Section be acknowledged
 - h. Disposition of unused funds
4. Submit electronic applications to the Section President.

Review Process

1. The Section Executive Committee will conduct a preliminary review of all requests. Those that do not adhere to the criteria and process described above will not be forwarded to the membership for consideration.

2. Applications clearing the preliminary review will be:
 - a. Posted on the Education Section web site for member comment.
 - b. Presented to the membership for final approval at the annual Section business meeting.
3. Officers will notify successful applicants within one week following the meeting.