

Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program Funding Request

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: Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program
- b. Name: Kathryn Winkler, Hutton Program/Continuing Education

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- c. Project description: The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by AFS.

The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate interest in careers

in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. Students accepted into the program are matched with professional mentors and enjoy a hands-on fisheries science experience in a marine and/or freshwater setting. Each Hutton scholar receives a \$3,000.00 scholarship award. The Hutton Program falls into the Education Section objective iii, “foster improved communication and information exchange among fishery educators, employers, fisheries specialists, students, and the public.”

- d. Time to completion: N/A
- e. Amount requested: \$5,000.00
- f. Other funding sources: BLM; BLM – Alaska; NOAA/NMFS; NWFSC/NOAA; USDA Forest Service; USGS; Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources; Lake Superior State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club; University of Maryland Eastern Shore – AFS Student Subunit; MI Chapter AFS; MN Chapter AFS; WI Chapter AFS; Fisheries Management Section; Fisheries Administration Section; AFS members
- g. How the contribution of the Education Section will be acknowledged: The Education Section will be listed in *Fisheries* magazine and on the Hutton page of the AFS website. The Education Section will also be mentioned in any future recruitment materials. The Hutton Program Coordinator will attend the Education Section meeting at the AFS 144th Annual Meeting in Québec City, Québec Canada, to give a brief Hutton update and show appreciation.

h. Disposition of unused funds: There will be no unused funds. The \$5,000 donation will be deposited into the Robert F. Hutton Endowment Fund.

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.