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## NEW YORK STATE WETLANDS FORUM 2024 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the New York State Wetlands Forum Student Research Grant Program is to financially support candidates in producing and sharing independent research focusing on wetlands. The Forum wishes to advance the development of emerging wetland professionals and the collective knowledge of New York State's wetland resources.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled, and enrolled for the spring 2024 semester, as either a matriculated graduate student or junior or senior at a recognized four-year accredited college or university.
2. Applicants must be participating in an independent research project with a focus on wetland science/issues relevant to New York State. Class or group projects are not eligible for consideration.
3. The candidate must have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Preference will be given to students with focused research in New York State.

### **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. A 500 to 1,000 words description of your wetland-related research. The description must explain the nature, methodology and purpose of the research, proposed use of funds, as well as how the research pertains to wetland issues relevant to New York State.
2. A NYSWF Research Grant Applicant Form.
3. A recommendation letter completed by a professor from your program of study that addresses the student's academic ability, leadership potential, and the complexity, originality, and value of the student's wetland research.

Research description, application, and recommendation must be emailed to [info@wetlandsforum.org](mailto:info@wetlandsforum.org) no later than February 29, 2024.

**Additional Information and Forms may be found at [www.wetlandsforum.org](http://www.wetlandsforum.org)**

### **REVIEW**

Applications will be reviewed for completion and the degree to which the application and research address the following:

- Wetland focused research topic
- Significance to wetland science, policy, and/or management within New York State
- Research addresses or attempts to solve a wetland related issue/problem
- Clarity of research description
- Appropriate use of funds

### **AWARD**

Selected candidates will be awarded a \$500.00 research grant. The grant is to be used at the discretion of the recipient to further his or her independent research. Selected candidates will also be awarded conference admission and lodging for the 2024 NYSWF Annual Conference held April 16-17 in Saratoga Springs, NY, where they will have the opportunity to network with NYSWF members and other environmental professionals. Selected candidates will be expected to showcase their research with a poster presentation at the conference and prepare an article for the NYSWF newsletter following the conference. Awardees may be called upon to stand and briefly describe their research at the conference.



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Name:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
School:	
Degree Program:	
Degrees Earned:	

Educational Goals*

Related Employment History*

Career Goals*

\*Use additional pages if necessary