The Walleye Technical Committee is now seeking applications for our annual student travel grant: the Percid Award

**Purpose:** To financially assist one or more students conducting research of interest to the Walleye Technical Committee (WTC).

**Description:** A travel grant of $300 from the WTC of the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society for up to three students to attend the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

**Eligibility Criteria:** The recipient(s) of this award must be currently enrolled in a college or university for an undergraduate or graduate degree program. Preference will be given to those involved in research of interest to the WTC.

**Documentation required:** An application letter that includes: student’s name, address, telephone number, educational institution, department, degree level, a short description of current research, reasons for wishing to attend the meeting (paper or poster presentation, pertinent paper session, sub-unit business and/or technical meetings), and reasons why financial assistance is needed.

**Selection Criteria:** The Executive Committee of the WTC will evaluate applicants based on the following criteria:
   a. AFS involvement (reasons for attending the meeting).
   b. Relevance of research to the goals of the WTC.
   c. Number of applications and current funding levels.

**Frequency of Award:** The WTC will select up to three recipients each year. Multiple applicants from the same state will be handled at the WTC’s discretion, given the student’s state/province AFS chapter will be asked to match the award, but is under no obligation to do so.

**Deadline:** The deadline for receipt of completed applications by the WTC Chair is December 31, 2022.

**E-mail application materials to:** Jason DeBoer at jadeboer@illinois.edu with the subject line “Percid travel award application”.