

Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Application Criteria

1. Deadline for submission of applications to the WFIWC Memorial Scholarship Committee (MSC) is **February 15** each year; for example, the deadline for the 2009 award was February 15, 2009. Applications must be received by this date.
2. To be eligible for consideration, students must be enrolled in a graduate program at a university in the United States, Canada or Mexico at the M.S. or Ph.D. level. Students remain eligible for up to 12 months after their graduation date.
3. Students must have a thesis or dissertation topic in the field of forest entomology. Furthermore, applicants must be working on an issue or organism that occurs specifically within the geographic coverage of the WFIWC. In general, this means conducting the majority of their fieldwork in western portions of Canada, Mexico, or the US.
4. Students must be members of the WFIWC. Membership in the WFIWC is automatically attained following attendance at one meeting. Students who have not yet attended a WFIWC but with firm plans to attend the next WFIWC are eligible.
5. Applications should be submitted as a single electronic file containing the following items in the order listed:
 - A completed WFIWC Memorial Scholarship Application Form.
 - A one page statement of past contributions to forest entomology, involvement in the WFIWC, and anticipated plans in forest entomology.
 - A one page outline or summary of thesis or dissertation research.
 - A complete curriculum vitae with information on educational background, relevant professional work experience, research accomplishments (publications, presentations, grants, etc.), teaching and outreach contributions, professional service, and awards and honors.
 - A copy of all academic transcripts. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
6. In addition to the application packet, students should arrange for two letters of recommendation (preferably in electronic format) to be sent directly to the Chair of the WFIWC MSC.

7. A student can receive this scholarship only once.

Other information relating to the awarding of the WFIWC Memorial Scholarship:

1. All applications will be evaluated on a demonstrated and sustained commitment to forest entomology based on experience and service including prior participation in the WFIWC; the quality and significance of research; academic records; any contributions to teaching or outreach activities; letters of recommendation; and likelihood of continued contributions to the field of forest entomology.

2. The MSC will select scholarship recipients.

3. Members of the MSC will not vote on applications submitted by their students or students from their institution.

4. The MSC Chair will assign an alternate who has WFIWC voting rights to the Committee in the event that a regular committee member may be ineligible to vote.

5. There are no stipulations associated with the student's use of the scholarship.

6. The award amount is currently \$1000 US funds. As the Memorial Scholarship principal and annual interest earnings grow, the committee will consider increasing the award amount keeping in mind the long-term fiscal sustainability of the scholarship.

7. One scholarship will be awarded each year.

8. The scholarship recipient will be given a small recognition plaque in addition to the financial award.

9. The scholarship recipient will be given the opportunity to deliver a featured oral presentation at the next WFIWC meeting. The student's registration fee for that meeting will be waived and the WFIWC will provide one night of lodging at that meeting.

Awards will be announced at the final business meeting each year during the Western Forest Insect Work Conference. During NAFIWC years when the WFIWC is not convened, the scholarship recipient will be announced by email. Furthermore, scholarship recipients from the year prior to a NAFIWC year will be given the opportunity to present at the following WFIWC, i.e. there will be two possible WFIWC Memorial Scholarship presentations at the first WFIWC following a NAFIWC. During these years, scholarship recipients from the two previous years will receive the registration waiver and one night of lodging for that meeting.

Members of the Memorial Scholarship Committee

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Western Forest Insect Work Conference Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Applicants Name: _____

University and academic supervisor:

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Biographical Information (short summary of interests, work experience etc.):

Names of referees (2):

1. _____

2. _____