

2024 MAINE WETLANDS RESEARCH STIPEND

February 8, 2024

Dear Professors/Advisors:

The Maine Association of Wetland Scientists (MAWS) is pleased to announce the 2024 research stipend. A \$4,000 wetland research stipend available to actively enrolled students or student teams for use on a research project relating to Maine wetlands. The deadline for the submittal of proposals/abstracts is May 3, 2024.

This announcement is being circulated to institutions in Maine and New Hampshire known to be involved in wetland-related studies. Members of the MAWS Executive Committee will review applicants' Proposals/Abstracts and the stipend will be awarded no later than May 31, 2024. The selected student(s) are required to give a presentation on the outcome or progress of their research project at the MAWS annual meeting, usually held in March, within one-year of receiving the stipend (2024 recipients must present at the 2025 membership meeting). The awardee(s) will receive free attendance at the annual meeting (lunch included), and reimbursement of travel expenses (subject to approval). The annual meeting typically includes various technical speakers in the field of wetland science.

If you are familiar with the Society of Wetland Scientists student research grant program, you may recognize some similarities between our application forms. A signature of a student advisor is required to verify active enrollment. MAWS would appreciate your posting or distributing this notice and application to students. The stipends are offered with the hope that the research project might be integrated into a Senior thesis, an independent study project, graduate thesis or dissertation work, or some other wetland related program your college/university may offer.

If you have questions about the stipends or have suggestions to offer about future stipends, please contact me. In addition, for related information, including the enclosed stipend application materials, visit MAWS on-line at www.mainewetlands.org.

MAWS implements and participates in educational programs pertaining to the study of wetlands including wildlife, plants, soils, and hydrology - and the profession of wetland science for the Association, membership, and the public. MAWS is available as a resource to provide guidance on wetlands-related issues, so please do not hesitate to contact me should you have a question, need assistance, or wish to attend or co-organize a workshop.

Sincerely,

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STIPEND NOTICE

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In 1995, the membership of the Maine Association of Wetland Scientists (MAWS) voted to provide an annual, wetland research stipend to actively enrolled college or university students for funding of research projects relevant to Maine wetlands. MAWS is comprised of a diverse membership including wetland scientists from academia, environmental consulting firms and regulatory agencies, and in part was formed to “implement and participate in educational programs pertaining to the study of wetlands” as well as to “support and contribute to the expansion of the wetland research base” in Maine (MAWS Bylaws). The diverse membership encompasses a broad range of disciplines including botany, forestry, geology, hydrology, planning, soil science, and wildlife biology.

This year, a wetland research stipend of up to \$4,000 total is being offered to students actively enrolled in a degree program related to wetland science. Proposals submitted on the attached form will be evaluated by members of the MAWS Executive Committee and the stipend will be awarded to the selected research project. **The recipient(s) of the stipend are required to make a presentation on the progress/outcome of their wetland research project at a MAWS Annual Meeting which will be held in March 2025.**

Proposals must be submitted electronically (Word document or PDF) to jim.cassida@tetrattech.com on or before Friday May 3, 2024. A final Stipend Award decision will be announced no later than Friday May 31, 2024

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APPLICATION FORM 2024
MAINE ASSOCIATION OF WETLAND SCIENTISTS (MAWS)
MAINE WETLAND RESEARCH STIPEND

DUE May 3, 2024

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

STUDENT STATUS: _____

DEGREE SOUGHT: _____

ENROLLMENT DATE: _____

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: _____

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR: _____

(Signature) _____ (Print) _____

PROJECT RESEARCH TITLE: _____

On the following page(s) applicants must provide:

1. a concise statement of research objectives;
2. method(s) by which objectives are to be accomplished;
3. significance of the research;
4. what the expected results are and how their work will enhance our understanding of Maine's wetlands; and
5. purpose(s) for which the stipend will be used.