

**CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF THE FLORIDA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY ROGER ROTTMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The purpose of the following is to establish a set of criteria for granting the annual Roger Rottmann Memorial Scholarship by the Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society (FLAFS). The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is (1) enrolled in an accredited university or college located in Florida, (2) a member of FLAFS or will apply to become a member, and (3) majoring in a field of study directly related to freshwater or marine fish biology, fish ecology, fisheries management, or aquatic sciences. In the event that, prior to the awarding of the scholarship, a student withdraws from their university or college, changes to an unapproved field of study (see below), or fails to maintain the necessary grade point average, that student will not be eligible for the award.

**FIELDS OF STUDY** - To be eligible, the candidate must be majoring in one of the following fields of study or in a related field with a demonstrated concentration or emphasis on the application of their major to the fisheries sciences.

Agronomy	Fisheries
Agricultural Engineering	Limnology
Aquaculture	Natural Resource Conservation
Biology	Natural Resource Economics
Botany	Oceanography
Chemistry	Sociology
Entomology	Wildlife Ecology
Environmental Education	Zoology
Environmental Engineering	

**ACADEMIC CRITERIA** - To be selected, the candidate must submit their transcripts (copies are ok) to indicate that their overall grade point average (GPA) is at least 3.0 (out of 4).

**APPLICATION PROCESS** - Candidates will complete the required application form and submit transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable), letters of reference, and other appropriate information to the Chair of the FLAFS Scholarship Committee by the date established for any given year.

**SELECTION PROCESS** - The qualification of the applicants will be reviewed by the FLAFS Scholarship Committee comprised of five FLAFS members, two from academia, two from the general membership, and the immediate past president of the Chapter. The Committee will maintain a balance of freshwater and marine expertise. The award selection will be based on the applicant's potential contribution to the fisheries sciences as demonstrated by past performance and their views or philosophy of the role of fisheries scientists in managing Florida's aquatic resources as expressed in the required essay. **Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded** (one at the Masters level and one at the PhD level). Current members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to receive the scholarship.