

Best Student Paper and Poster Awards
Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

The Chapter will provide Best Paper and Poster awards not to exceed a total amount of \$350 per year, as follows:

Graduate Student Paper

- Maximum award of \$100 for best paper, and \$50 for runner-up
- Awards are only presented to papers meeting a minimum quality threshold as determined prior to the meeting by the Awards Committee
- In the case of a tie, the total award is pooled and split evenly among co-winners
- All presentation types (e.g. full presentation, lightning talk, or other) are included and are rated using the same criteria

Undergraduate Student Paper

- Maximum award of \$100 for best paper, and \$50 for runner-up
- Awards are only presented to papers meeting a minimum quality threshold as determined prior to the meeting by the Awards Committee
- In the case of a tie, the total award is pooled and split evenly among co-winners
- All presentation types (e.g. full presentation, lightning talk, or other) are included and are rated using the same criteria

Best Student Poster

- Maximum award of \$50 for best student poster, no award for runner-up
- Graduate and undergraduate students are judged together for best poster
- In the case of a tie, the award is split evenly among co-winners

NOTE: Students participating in the Best Paper and Poster contest MUST complete payment for their meeting registration to be eligible. Best Poster contestants must also be present at their poster during the poster session and when judges come by in order to be considered. Awards are presented at the end of the annual meeting – students do NOT have to be present when awards are announced to win.

For additional information contact the Past President of the Virginia Chapter listed at: <https://units.fisheries.org/va/officers/>