

**Robert D. Ross Graduate Scholarship**  
**In Fisheries and Related Aquatic Sciences**

**Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**

The Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites applications for two graduate scholarships in fisheries and related aquatic sciences. The First Place Award will be \$750 and an Honorable mention will be awarded at \$250. The scholarship will be awarded at the Chapter's annual meeting.

Criteria for the scholarship are:

1. The applicant must be a graduate student in fisheries, biology, or a related aquatic science program at an accredited Virginia university.
2. The applicant should demonstrate academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as promise for future contributions to fisheries and aquatic resource conservation.
3. Preference will be given to applicants who wish to pursue a career in fisheries or related aquatic fields and who have demonstrated interest in professional activity in addition to required academic activities.

Applications should consist of (1) a letter from the applicant (not to exceed 500 words) describing his/her background in fisheries and related sciences, the significance of his/her research to management/conservation of fisheries and aquatic resources, and career aspirations, (2) copies of transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended (unofficial acceptable), and (3) two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from the applicant's major advisor.

Applications, transcripts and letters of recommendation should be sent to:

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Application Deadline: January 1