



Dr. Michael Lefor Wetland Science Research Grant

Introduction

Wetland Science is a multidisciplinary field with a specialization in the study of wetlands. Such disciplines include but are not limited to ecology, biology, zoology, botany, soil science, hydrology, geology, and chemistry.

The Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) was established in 1997 to promote the profession and understanding of wetland science in Connecticut and to support public interest by:

1. maintaining and developing high professional standards and a code of ethics and promoting their use by practicing wetland scientists;
2. supporting and contributing to the expansion of the wetland science research base and encouraging the free exchange of scientific and technical information within the public and private communities;
3. designing and developing programs to educate the membership and the public in the study of wetlands and the profession of wetland science; and
4. contributing to sound public policy based on the scientific understanding of wetlands.

The grant program is dedicated to the memory Dr. Michael Lefor, a founding member of CAWS and Chairman of the Education/Science Committee. Dr. Lefor was deeply committed to promoting an understanding of wetland science.

Grant Objective

CAWS is seeking to provide support of a wetland-related research project conducted by a qualified undergraduate or graduate student from an accredited college or university in Connecticut. The student need not be a member of CAWS in order to apply.

Size and Use of Grant

The grant amount is \$1,000. The grant is intended to aid, not provide sole support of research expenditures. CAWS encourages applicants to seek other sources of funding to share project costs. Funds provided may be used for: purchase of materials and equipment, travel expenses, publication and printing expenses, funding of field assistants, etc.

Awarding of Grants

The CAWS Selection Committee will award the grant on the basis of:

1. scientific merit
2. research objective
3. originality of proposal
4. usefulness of proposed research
5. qualifications of the applicant
6. explanation of project budget

Application Procedures

To apply, submit only the following:

- **application form** (type or print neatly on the attached form).
- **one-page project summary** (limit to 400 words) that includes the title, project objective, proposed start and finish dates, what benefits will result from the project, and how the results will be shared.
- **one-page budget summary**
- **resume** of the applicant, including three references

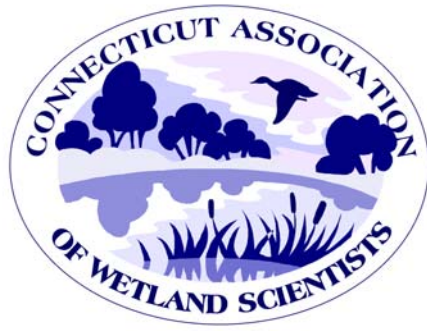
Send the application either by email (preferred) to: wetlands@ctwetlands.org

or

Mail Application to:

**Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists
Lefor Grant Committee
C/O Cynthia Rabinowitz
PO Box 365
Bethlehem, CT 06751**

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by February 24, 2012. Applicants will be notified by the Selection Committee by March 9, 2012, and the successful recipient's name and project will be announced at the CAWS annual meeting on March 22, 2012. The recipient will be asked to submit a project report and expenditure summary at the completion of the project. The recipient will also be asked to present the project at the next annual CAWS meeting. If the recipient is not available to present the project at the next meeting, he or she must notify the current CAWS president at least three months prior to the next meeting.



**Application Form
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Lefor Grant Committee
C/O Cynthia Rabinowitz
PO Box 365
Bethlehem, CT 06751**

Applicant Information

Name(s) _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Permanent Address
(if different from above) _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Advisor Information (if applicable)

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Project Information

Project Title _____

Duration of Project: From _____ To _____

Total Project Budget _____

To Whom Funds Should Be Paid _____

How did you hear about CAWS _____

Application Checklist:

(attach only materials listed below and adhere to page and word limits)

- application form (2 pages)
- one page project summary (limit to 400 words)
- one page income and expense report
- resume of applicant

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I agree to recognize the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) as having supported this project, and to submit a project report and expenditure summary at the completion of the project. I also agree to present the project at the next annual CAWS meeting. If I am not available to present the project at the next meeting, I will notify the current CAWS president at least three months prior to the next meeting.

(signature of applicant)