

## **International Association of Wildland Fire Scholarships, 2008**

In 2008 the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) will be again awarding two graduate-level scholarships each valued at \$2,500USD to Master of Science (M.Sc.) or Ph.D. students studying wildland fire or wildland fire-related topics. These scholarships are not intended for Masters of Forestry degrees in wildland fire or for non-thesis graduate programs. One of the two scholarships will be awarded to a student from the United States or Canada, and the other will be awarded to an individual from outside of these two countries.

The students that received the scholarships in 2007 were Sean T. Michaletz from the University of Calgary in Canada, and Andrew Sullivan from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia.

The following conditions apply:

1. The application period will open January 15 and close March 31, 2008. Award winners will be announced the following May.
2. The applicant must be a student member of IAWF at the time of application and remain so at least during his/her award period. Membership information and application instructions can be accessed here <http://www.iawfonline.org/membership>
3. The applicant must be enrolled full-time in graduate school with at least 8 months remaining in his/her graduate-level degree program at the time of application.
4. The applicant must submit a 500-750 word paper outlining his/her research achievements and ongoing or proposed research; and briefly discussing the expected contribution of this work to the field of wildland fire science and the applicant's future fire science career goals. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read and follow the detailed instructions for applicants available here on our web site in the News Releases section at: <http://www.iawfonline.org/documents>
5. The applicant must arrange for a letter of support to be submitted on his/her behalf by his/her thesis supervisor. The letter of support must verify that the student is enrolled at the university, and will satisfy all terms and conditions of this award. Additionally, the supervisor may use up to 500 words to describe why they believe the student would be a deserving recipient of the scholarship. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent by email by the thesis supervisor as a Microsoft Word or Adobe .pdf attachment.
6. The IAWF Board of Directors will appoint a 3 or more person selection committee to review applications and recommend scholarship recipients.
7. One of the two scholarships will be awarded to a student based at a university in the United States or Canada, and the other will be awarded to a student based at a university outside of these two countries.
8. Upon completing his/her degree, all award winners will submit to the Association a copy of the signature page approving the thesis, and a copy of the abstract that appears in the body of the thesis. These materials will be transmitted by the student under a cover letter that states the IAWF is permitted to

use the information in these materials in publications of their choosing. The purpose of this authorization/waiver is to allow the IAWF to highlight the success of this program and those of the students sponsored.

9. Award winners will acknowledge the financial support of the IAWF in all publications or manuscripts arising from work sponsored in part by this scholarship.

10. Students interested in applying for this scholarship should send their applications to the chair of the selection committee:

Dr. J.L. Beverly  
Canadian Forest Service  
Natural Resources Canada  
Northern Forestry Centre  
5320 - 122 St  
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 3S5  
t: 780.430.3848  
f: 780.435.7359  
e: jbeverly@nrca.gc.ca

\*\*\*\*\*

## **Detailed Instructions for Applicants**

Electronic scholarship applications are preferred. If possible, please submit your student paper by email as a Microsoft Word or Adobe .pdf document. Receipt of all electronic submissions will be acknowledged by the selection committee.

Applications must be received before midnight on March 31, 2008. It is up to the applicant to ensure that applications sent by email or post mail are received before this deadline.

Your application should consist of only 2 documents: (1) your student paper; and (2) the letter of support submitted on your behalf by your thesis supervisor. Additional items such as *curriculum vitae* or publication lists will be disregarded by the selection committee.

At the top of the first page of your student paper, please list the following information:

- Your complete name
- Your current degree program and university
- Your thesis supervisor's name (i.e., the individual submitting a letter of support on your behalf)
- Your complete postal mailing address
- Your phone number and fax number
- Your email address

Following this information, begin the body of your paper. The text should be double-spaced on 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Your completed student paper, including the body of the text and any references, figure or table captions, must not exceed 750 words. Submissions that exceed 750 words, determined from an electronic word count, will be disqualified.

Your name should appear at the top of each page and all pages must be numbered.

\*Please note that the scholarship selection committee is not responsible for IAWF student memberships. All membership inquiries should be directed to the IAWF <http://www.iawfonline.org>