



# North Central Section

Illinois – Indiana – Iowa – Michigan – Minnesota – Missouri – Ohio - Wisconsin

**Application Deadline: April 30, 200\_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Please provide information only on the previous year's activities**

**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
STUDENT CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT  
AND STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION  
FOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_**

Student Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date student chapter established \_\_\_\_\_

Were all officers paid-up TWS members?

" Yes " No

1. **Membership in Year**
  - a. No. of student chapter members \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. No. of TWS members in student chapter \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. No. of Section members in chapter \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. No. of wildlife students enrolled at your college/university \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. No. of student chapter members involved in state chapter \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. No. of student chapter members involved in section \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Student Chapter Meetings in Year**
  - a. No. of student chapter meetings \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Average no. of attendees \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. **Newsletter in Year**
  - a. No. of issues \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Average no. pages/issue \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. **Executive Board**
  - a. No. of members on Executive Board \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. No. of meetings \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Average attendance at meetings \_\_\_\_\_

**GOAL 1: DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR WILDLIFE RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT.**

Extent of membership participation in student chapter activities and meetings.

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Presentations by agencies, institutions, and others employing wildlife professionals on areas of professionalism, job qualifications, and ethical conduct by wildlife biologists. Student chapter efforts to educate students about TWS's certification program.

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Efforts to involve wildlife students in professional activities or otherwise introduce students to the wildlife profession.

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Recognition of individuals demonstrating high professional standards. Please provide details of awards program or other activity.

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**GOAL 2: ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF WILDLIFE STUDENTS**

Conduct and participate in workshops, symposia, conferences, and conclaves. Provide information on purpose, program/agenda, and participation. Agendas or other materials may be attached.

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**GOAL 3: ADVANCE PROFESSIONAL STEWARDSHIP OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS**

Participation in habitat management and resource conservation projects.

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**GOAL 4: ADVOCATE USE OF SOUND BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR WILDLIFE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS**

Testimony, letters, telephone calls, and other contacts with legislators, legislative committees, and regulators on wildlife conservation issues. Were your efforts successful?

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**GOAL 5: INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

TV spots, radio spots, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, and other media contacts. Describe anticipated benefits and actual results. Samples may be attached.

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Development and sponsorship of public awareness materials: pamphlets, books, videotapes, curricula, etc. How were they used? Samples may be attached.

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Public exhibits and displays.

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Participation in Project WILD, 4-H Wildlife Programs, Watchable Wildlife, hunter safety, and/or other educational programs.

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Recognition of nonprofessionals active in wildlife conservation.

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## STUDENT CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT AND STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

#### Overview and Goals

The NCS presents the Student Chapter of the Year award to an outstanding student chapter each year. The goal of the award is to encourage and recognize exceptional achievements by Section student chapters. Active and effective student chapters are needed to achieve The Wildlife Society's goals, many of which are best addressed at the state/provincial or local level. Student chapters also strengthen the Society's membership recruitment and retention efforts by providing opportunities for member involvement in Society activities. The Student Chapter of the Year award pays tribute to this important unit of The Wildlife Society.

#### Application Guidelines and Procedures

The Student Chapter of the Year award is presented annually to one student chapter of the section for exemplary contributions to the Society's mission and goals. The winning student chapter receives a special certificate at the Section's annual meeting award ceremony and their name is added to the Section's permanent records.

Student chapters are asked to report their annual activities to the Section on the form provided. The completed form will also serve as the Chapter's nomination for the award. The annual report/nomination form should be sent by the Section Secretary to each Student Chapter by 1 February and returned to the President of the North Central Section, attn: Chapter Awards Committee, by 30 April. *The chapter receiving the award is not eligible for recognition in the following year.*

Recipients of the Student Chapter of the Year award may excel in one or several areas. The Section's Selection Committee considers the Society's goals and criteria in making their selection. Applicants should provide a complete and concise description of their student chapter's activity in each of the areas described; new initiatives (rather than ongoing programs) should be emphasized. Applicants must document the level of member participation in the various activities/initiatives, actual accomplishments, and their impacts on members, the profession, and resource management. All information must fit in the space provided, except where supporting documentation is specifically requested. Information provided should cover only the previous year's activities. In areas where there has been no student chapter activity or where information is not available, write "does not apply."

#### Student Chapter of the Year Travel Grant

A travel grant of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to the student chapter that is named the Section's Student Chapter of the Year. The travel grant must be used to send a student delegation to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, The Wildlife Society's annual meeting, or both in the year the award is made. The Student Chapter of the Year must further qualify for the grant by meeting the following criteria: (1) a minimum of three members of the student chapter must attend the conference and (2) the three individuals must be members of The Wildlife Society and cannot be recipients of other TWS travel grants that year. Grant monies are to be used by the student chapter for any travel expenses (transportation, lodging, meals, and registration) associated with sending a student chapter delegation to the annual conference. The conference is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about a wide range of research and management programs and to meet other students and wildlife professionals throughout the Midwest.