

SECTION E. UMAA SALTGRASSROOTS TRAVEL AWARD

This award recognizes a member of the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association (UMAA) by providing funds to assist in attendance and participation at the annual conference of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA).

AWARD AMOUNT: One \$1,500 award will be granted annually.

CRITERIA: The UMAA Saltgrassroots Travel Award will be provided to a current member of the UMAA within a mosquito abatement association or related organization (academia, local/county/state public health or related field). The recipient must be active in the field of mosquito biology, ecology, epidemiology, virology, surveillance, or control. The \$1,500 award is intended to offset costs associated with national meeting attendance. Recipient is highly *encouraged* to participate in the meeting by providing a presentation or poster. Agencies providing matching funds to the recipient within the state of Utah will be given a higher priority. This award is primarily intended for full time employees of mosquito abatement districts within the state of Utah.

PROCEDURE: Applicant must complete the UMAA Saltgrassroots Award application form, submit a statement of purpose in two pages or less, and provide a letter of recommendation from a supervisor, board of director, and/or colleague. Application packet must be received by the Chair of the UMAA Awards Committee no later than 5:00 pm on 30 September of each year.

JUDGING AND AWARD: The recipient of the award will be chosen by the UMAA Awards Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors for final approval. The recipient will be presented the award check *after* attendance at the AMCA national meetings. If the recipient does not attend the AMCA national meetings, the award will be void.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECIPIENT: The recipient is highly encouraged to actively participate at the national AMCA meetings through providing a presentation or poster and/or volunteering on various committees. Recipient will acknowledge UMAA in any presentations or posters at the AMCA national meetings. Recipient will also be encouraged to speak about the benefits of the scholarship and attendance at the AMCA national meetings, with the hopes of recruiting new recipients the following year.