

SECTION D. DICKSON-NIELSEN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created to honor the contributions of Dr. Sammie L. Dickson (Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District) and the late Dr. Lewis T. Nielsen (University of Utah), to the understanding of the biology, ecology, and control of mosquitoes and other arthropod pests and disease vectors, and for their dedicated support and growth in the development of the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association (UMAA). The scholarship is intended to promote and recognize the mosquito related research of students attending a college/university anywhere in the United States.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually.

CRITERIA: The Dickson-Nielsen Scholarship will go to a graduate or undergraduate student, or recent graduate of two previous calendar years, whose work is in an area relevant to entomology and vector biology, ecology, epidemiology, arbovirology, surveillance, or control. The applicant must be a full-time matriculating student in an accredited program, or one transitioning from high school to college/university or from an undergraduate to graduate program or have graduated from such a program in the last two years. If the applicant has graduated, then he/she must provide a copy of the diploma or other acceptable documentation to verify that he/she has completed a degree from an accredited institution in the last two years. Applicants with strong ties to local mosquito abatement districts (seasonal employees/interns) and/or those conducting research regarding mosquitoes and other vectors within the state of Utah will be given a higher priority.

PROCEDURE: Applicant must complete the UMAA Dickson-Nielsen scholarship application form; submit a summary of the research and describe its significance to entomology and vector biology, ecology, epidemiology, arbovirology, surveillance, or control in two pages or less, including figures, summary tables, or photographs; include a curriculum vitae/resume; and provide at least one letter of recommendation from a college/university advisor or manager/director of a mosquito abatement district (preferably both). Application packet must be received by the Chair of the UMAA Awards Committee, UMAA President, or UMAA Executive Director no later than 5:00 pm on 30 September of each year. The applicant will be required to conduct a presentation during the first day at the annual meeting of the UMAA as part of a student competition event.

JUDGING AND AWARD: The UMAA Awards Committee will evaluate the application packet and presentation of each candidate. Upon completion of the student competition, a recipient of the award will be chosen by the UMAA Awards Committee. The recipient will be presented a scholarship check at the awards ceremony of the UMAA (evening of the first day).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECIPIENT: To perform the research or project to the best of their abilities. The recipient will be encouraged to present results at subsequent annual meetings of the UMAA. Recipient will acknowledge UMAA in any subsequent publications or presentations stemming from the work.