



## AWSS Announces its Travel Scholarship Program

The Association for Women Soil Scientists is happy to announce its travel awards for attendance at the 2015 ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meetings (November 15-18, 2015) in Minneapolis, MN. The traveling awards are: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$500, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$300, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$200. The awards are offer to undergraduate and graduate female students traveling and presenting their research results at the 2015 Soil Science Society of America Meeting. Afford grants will only cover expenses associated with the meeting in essence cost of registration, travel and lodging. The application deadline is September 18<sup>th</sup> for the 2015 meeting.

The application guidelines are:

### A. Eligibility and Selection:

All applicants must be members of the Association for Women in Soil Science (may apply after award notice) and the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA).

### B. Deadlines (materials must be received by deadline):

- September 18, 2015

- **Main Point of Contact:**

Dr. Rebecca Tirado-Corbalá, Award Committee Chair  
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- Applying electronically is highly encouraged but in case of difficulty please notifies the main point of contact.

### C. Application package (required documents):

The following documents must be submitted to constitute a complete application package.

1. A completed application form (see below)
2. A letter describing your reasons for applying to this program (scientific, financial, and professional) and whether you have made a previous presentation at a national meeting (any society) (limit 2 pages)
3. A resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) (limit 2 pages)
4. An abstract of the work to be presented. Includes all authors and the research presentation format (i.e. poster, oral, etc.).
5. A letter from your advisor confirming your participation in the meeting for which you are applying for funds. Your advisor should comment on your technical capability. Include a list of additional travel support that may be available from the department or research grants.

Award recipients will receive notifications by e-mail (or other if indicated by applicant) no later than October 31, 2015.

Award selection criteria (in order of importance):

1. **Higher preference to first time students presenting at national meeting** (either poster or oral session).
2. Strength of abstract and recommendation
3. Accomplishments and career goals
4. Special circumstances (i.e. non-traditional students, single parents, illness)
5. Financial need



Association of Women Soil Scientists  
 2015 Travel Award Application Form  
 Deadline: September 18, 2015

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Student status:
  - a. Undergraduate student: year \_\_\_\_\_; major \_\_\_\_\_; GPA \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. MS graduate student: year \_\_\_\_\_; major \_\_\_\_\_; GPA \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. PhD graduate student: year \_\_\_\_\_; major \_\_\_\_\_; GPA \_\_\_\_\_
3. Contact information:
 

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
4. School Information
  - a. Institution \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Department \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_
5. Estimated Travel Expenses Table:

	Estimated cost
Travel (explain on separate page)	
Lodging: ___ nights at ___ per night* <sup>1</sup>	
Meeting Registration	
<b>Total</b>	

\*<sup>1</sup> We expect you to share a room to reduce lodging costs.