

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
SUPPORT AWARDS FOR FIRST-GENERATION UNDERGRADUATE
COLLEGE STUDENT MEMBERS OF ASB

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: 10 Feb 2021

The ASB Committee on Human Diversity is pleased to announce that funds are available to partially defray the expenses of undergraduate first generation college students that will attend the Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Online Virtual Meeting (March 24-27, 2021)

<http://www.sebiologists.org/asb-2021.html>. The awards are meant to defray the cost of student registration and student membership at the 2021 ASB Meeting. The Southeastern Chapter of the Ecological Society of America is pleased to sponsor one of these awards for a student with interests in ecology. Recipients must be members of ASB. See the ASB web site for membership application or renewal forms (<http://www.sebiologists.org/membership/>).

The guidelines for the award application are as follows:

- (a) The recipient is a current member of ASB.
- (b) The recipient must present at the Annual Meeting, failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the award.
- (c) The recipient must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at a US college or university
- (d) The recipient must be a first generation college student, meaning that neither parent has received a four-year college degree.
- (d) Student travel awards are granted on a competitive basis. Students *presenting* in regular ASB poster or paper sessions or Tri-Beta (Undergraduate Biology Honor Society) sessions will be given priority.
- (e) Your **Application** package must be submitted as MS Word or PDF file(s). The file names should start with the applicant's last name underscore first name. (e.g. Jones_Crystal_Application.docx; Jones_Crystal_LetterOfSupport.docx)
- (f) Your **Application** should include:
 1. Full Name; Institutional Address (including department); *Academic email address*; Academic Status (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior); and Major.
 2. If you plan to present your work at the ASB meeting please provide the title, abstract, and co-author information.
 3. A 200 word essay describing your experience in undergraduate research.
 4. A **Letter of Support** should be solicited from an academic mentor (a professor that knows you well or works with you on undergraduate research) from your college or university confirming your first generation college-undergraduate status, a statement of financial need of the student attendee, and commentary on the student work that will be presented, if applicable.
- (g) Once you have all of your materials ready, email your **Application materials** (including the **Letter of Support**) to Dr. Valarie Burnett: valarie.burnett@newberry.edu. Please use the subject line: ASB First Gen Award_your last name (e.g. ASB First Gen Award_Jones).

Questions regarding the applications and file handling should be directed to Dr. Valarie Burnett:
valarie.burnett@newberry.edu.

Applicants will be notified of the decision of the ASB Committee on Human Diversity by March 14, 2021
via email.

