

2010 ABLS Travel Funds for Students

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Background information:

- Member donations specifically for student travel funds are matched by the ABLS general fund. The total amount available can vary from year to year, depending on ABLS budgets, donations, and whether or not symposia are also being supported at a particular meeting and if there are funds for symposium presentations. These funds are separate from the funds for the Sharp, Tuckerman, or Sullivant Awards.
- The eventual amount awarded is dependent on available monies, the number of eligible applicants, and is decided upon by the President-Elect after conferring with the President and other Ex. Comm. members. (ABLS By-Laws)

Selection criteria:

- 1) Students have to be ABLS members (they can join when applying if not already members – dues are \$10 for students).
- 2) Students have to be presenting a paper, workshop, or poster in one of the ABLS sessions.
(Note: Non-ABLS sessions have not been considered for travel awards and also are not eligible for the Sharp, Tuckerman, or Sullivant Awards.)

Travel fund procedures:

- 1) The student has to apply for the student travel funds. The application should include the name and address of the student, the university/college attended, the title of the paper/poster presented, where the student traveled from to get to the meeting, an email address and/or phone number, and a Social Security number for USA student members (see below for explanation). The application should preferably be emailed to Roger Rosentreter at roger_rosentreter@blm.gov as soon as possible or handed to Roger at the meeting.
- 2) Travel award checks are only given out at the meeting by the Secretary/Treasurer, after all papers/posters have been presented.
- 3) The amount of the award may depend in part upon the meeting location and be of equal amounts, or be prorated according to the travel distances.
- 4) Travel funds are taxable, and a Social Security number (for USA applicants) must be provided so that a 1099 can be issued.