

Foundation Offering 5 Graduate Student Scholarships: Deadline September 15, 2013

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is again offering scholarships of \$2,000 each to five graduate students in apiculture. This is the Foundation's ninth year to award such scholarships.

The Foundation is a charitable research and education foundation affiliated with the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF). The Foundation has benefited from a generous gift from the Glenn and Gertrude Overturf estate, and is sustained by ongoing gifts from ABF members and other supportive individuals.

The Foundation Trustees have chosen to use a portion of the grant to offer graduate student scholarships to foster professional development for young apicultural scientists. The purpose of the scholarships is to allow the recipients to attend the American Beekeeping Research Conference during the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana January 7-11, 2014. The recipients will have an opportunity to meet other researchers and beekeepers and to present their research at the meeting. The Board of Trustees looks forward to their contributions to the conference. The scholarships are available to all graduate students. Graduate students enrolled in universities outside the United States are invited to apply.

Applications for the scholarships will be accepted until September 15, 2013.

Applicants should submit to the Board for consideration:

1. A cover letter from their University advisor outlining the student's progress toward their graduate degree (Masters or PhD), tentative graduation date, and any other information about the student and their research that would help the committee "get to know" the student.
2. The student's curriculum vitae, or resume, not to exceed 2 pages.
3. A research proposal (not to exceed 3 pages), written by the graduate student. This proposal should outline the specific research experiments the student is conducting for their degree. The proposal should clearly state how the research benefits bees and/or beekeeping. The proposal can describe research that the student is planning to perform, or the progress the student already has made toward that research. The proposal should begin with an introduction to the research problem, and should follow with clear goals and objectives that state the research questions and hypotheses. The student should then discuss the methods that will be used to answer their research questions, and the expected results or results to date.

Recipients will be selected in October 2013.

Applications must be submitted **electronically, preferably as one pdf document** to:

Marla Spivak at the University of Minnesota; e-mail: spiva001@umn.edu

If you have questions or need more information about the scholarship program, contact: Marla Spivak, Scholarship Program Coordinator, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, spiva001@umn.edu.