



Ronald L. Schmied GCFI Scholarship

Purpose: First, to financially assist students with an interest in marine recreational fisheries topics who might otherwise not be able to attend the annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) conference. Second, to encourage the next generation of students and young professionals with an interest in marine recreational fisheries.

Description: At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually to cover the costs of airfare and lodging to attend the annual GCFI conference with the remainder of the stipend to be used to cover the student's discretionary research-related expenses. Each scholarship recipient will also receive a complimentary GCFI conference registration, a one-year GCFI student membership, and, as a member, a copy of the conference proceedings from the meeting attended.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants for this award must be currently enrolled and in good standing at a college or university degree program in the wider Caribbean or in one of the adjacent Gulf of Mexico states (Mexico and the United States) or be a student in good standing at any college or university and engaged in a research project in the Gulf of Mexico and wider Caribbean region. Only applicants with a social, economic, ecological, or management perspective on recreational fisheries will be eligible to receive this award.

Documentation Required: An application letter from the student nominee that includes: student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, educational institution, department, degree level, a short description of current research in marine recreational fisheries, any particular reason for attending the GCFI meeting (paper presentation, pertinent paper session, meet with a faculty member at another institution attending the meeting, etc.), statement of career goals in fishery science or management, and reasons why financial assistance is needed. In addition, there must be a confidential letter of endorsement from a faculty member from the applicant's home institution and department. All materials must be sent only by e-mail as attachments before or on the deadline date, as stated on the scholarship [web site](#).

Selection Criteria: Selection of awardees will be based on their involvement with recreational fisheries topics and/or issues, level of achievement, innovation, and financial need as demonstrated in their letters of application.

Deadline: The deadline for receipt of applications to the chair of the Ronald L. Schmied GCFI Scholarship Committee is September 15, 2010.

E-mail scholarship application materials to: Dr. Stephen Holland, Chair, Ronald L. Schmied Scholarship Committee sholland@ufl.edu