



Association of Women Soil Scientists
Encouraging and supporting women in soil science

April 5, 2013

Dear Department Chairs and Contacts,

The Association for Women Soil Scientists (AWSS) is pleased to announce the opening of our traveling award application process. The traveling award program provides funds to three undergraduate and graduate female students traveling and presenting their research at the 2013 Soil Science Society of America Annual Meeting. This year the AWSS will be offering three awards for the amounts of: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$300 and 3rd-\$200. Award grants will only cover expenses associated with the meeting, in essence cost of registration, travel, and lodging.

AWSS is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization of **women and men** in soil science who support these goals:

1. To establish and maintain high standards for professional women soil scientists;
2. To promote and enhance communication among professional soil scientists;
3. To promote a dialogue of soil information and to encourage an interchange with other technical and scientific communities;
4. To promote better understanding of the role of soil scientists;
5. To provide assistance and encouragement for women in non-traditional fields and for women seeking employment in the field of soil science.

AWSS is a [member](#) of the [United States Consortium of Soil Science Associations \(USC SSA\)](#).

Please see the attached application guidelines for more information. The AWSS appreciate the publicity of our 2013 traveling award program to your student body and/or pertinent program.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact: Rebecca Tirado-Corbalá, AWSS 2013 traveling award program chair at rebecca.tirado-corbala@ars.usda.gov.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Tirado - Corbalá

Rebecca Tirado-Corbalá, AWSS Scholarship Committee Chair
USDA-ARS, Water Management Research
9611 S. Riverbend Ave.
Parlier, CA 93648
Phone: 559-596-2869
Fax: 559-596-2851
Email: rebecca.tirado-corbala@ars.usda.gov



AWSS Announces its Travel Scholarship Program

The Association for Women Soil Scientists is happy to announce its travel awards for attendance at the 2013 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meetings (November 3-6, 2013) in Tampa, Florida. The traveling awards are: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$300, and 3rd-\$200. The awards are offered to undergraduate and graduate female students traveling and presenting their research results at the 2013 Soil Science Society of America Meeting. Award grants will only cover expenses associated with the meeting in essence cost of registration, travel and lodging. The application deadline is September 1st for the 2013 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 1, 2013
- Main Point of Contact:
Dr. Rebecca Tirado-Corbalá, Award Committee Chair
USDA-ARS, Water Management Research
9611 S. Riverbend Ave.
Parlier, CA 93648
Fax: 559-596-2851
Email: rebecca.tirado-corbala@ars.usda.gov
- Applying electronically is highly encouraged but in case of difficulty please notify 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 11, 2013.

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
Travel Award Application Form

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 _____

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 ^{*1}	
Meeting Registration	
Total	

^{*1} We expect you to share a room to reduce lodging costs.