

**2026 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference**  
**Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award for Outstanding Students**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

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We are pleased to accept applications for the Janice Lee Fenske Memorial Award from fisheries and wildlife undergraduate and graduate students who are planning to attend the 2026 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Up to 25 students will be selected and formally recognized for their achievements during the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, morning plenary session. Two students, one focusing on fisheries management and one focusing on wildlife management, will be presented with the Fenske Memorial Award that includes a scholarship of \$750.

The winners of the Fenske Memorial Award will be selected based on the characteristics that made Jan Fenske a remarkable fisheries biologist. For more information on Jan Fenske and the history of the award, please visit <https://michigan.fisheries.org/awards-and-grants/fenske-award/>.

To apply, please submit:

- A resume that includes your GPA.
- A one-page cover letter that discusses your future career goals and reasons for attending the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.
- A photo of yourself that may be used in the award ceremony presentation.
- One letter of recommendation submitted directly from either an academic advisor or a professional in fisheries or wildlife management.

Application materials should be sent by email to Elle Gulotty at [gulotty@michigan.gov](mailto:gulotty@michigan.gov). Please indicate in the email subject line either “Fenske Award- fisheries” or “Fenske Award- wildlife” (depending on your focus area).

The deadline for submission is Friday, November 28, 2025, and all applicants will be notified of their selection by Monday, January 12, 2026.

Questions regarding the award should be sent to Jessica Mistak, Fenske Award Committee Chair, at [mistakj@michigan.gov](mailto:mistakj@michigan.gov).