



NAWM 2026 Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting

Jon A. Kusler Student Scholarship Award

National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV • April 27–30, 2026



About the Award



The Jon A. Kusler Student Scholarship Award was created in 2020 to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Jon A. Kusler, Esq., NAWM's founder and one of the most influential thinkers of our time regarding wetland and floodplain science, policy, and law.

This competitive award funds all expenses for one or more U.S.-based students to attend the National Association of Wetland Managers (NAWM) annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination (STFC) Meeting and is open to any student with a declared major in wetland (or other aquatic resource) science, science policy, law, or a related field in either the undergraduate or graduate level.

Submission Requirements

- Letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor.
- One page letter answering the following questions:
 - What is your declared major?
 - Why did you chose your declared major?
 - What do you plan to do with your degree?
 - How will attending NAWM's annual STFC Meeting help you advance your career?



Far left: Marla Stelk, Far right: Ian Grosfelt
2025 Awardees: Rachel Buchler, Etinosa Igunbor, and Tonie Mitchum

Deadlines



Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis until, **Friday, November 14, 2025** by 9:00 a.m. ET.

Notifications will be sent to all applicants no later than **Friday, December 12, 2025**.



How to Submit

Submissions should be sent as a Microsoft Word or PDF attachment, and should be emailed directly to Sharon Weaver, Webmaster at sharon@nawm.org.



Travel

All travel and lodging arrangements will be made in coordination with NAWM. All expenses incurred directly by the student(s) must be preapproved by NAWM's Executive Director and will be reimbursed by NAWM within 30 days of receiving a valid receipt(s).

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laura Burchill, Office Manager, at laura@nawm.org or (207) 892-3399.

