

My name is Blake Shurtz and I am applying for the Student Travel Award to the July Joint Statistical Meeting in Denver, Colorado from 7/27/19-8/1/19. I am currently a student member of the ASA (paid thru 9/30/19) and am a member of the SF Bay Area chapter as well as the Sacramento Statistical Association. I am currently a 2nd year Master's student in Statistics at Cal State East Bay.

The reason I am attending the JSM is as a culmination of a research project that I have been working on for about a year. Although I originally planned to submit the project for my Master's thesis, I learned from my advisor that the program does not offer a Master's thesis and that I should instead submit my research project as a poster submission to the JSM.

In addition to sharing my research, I am also looking forward to exploring career opportunities, networking with other statisticians and learning from the research from others!

I am requesting \$1000 to cover travel, hotel accommodation as well as the ~\$500 in registration fees. I plan on driving to Denver with my family and, along with attending the JSM, meeting some distant family members and exploring the beautiful natural scenery.

I can be reached by phone at (707) 317-5135 or by email at blakeobeans@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration for the Student Travel Award!

Best,

Blake Shurtz