

Student and Early Professional Registration Sponsorship

The Association of Field Ornithologists (AFO) and the Wilson Ornithological Society (WOS) have committed funding to support participation at our 2021 joint annual meeting with the Northeast Natural History Conference, #NENHC2021. The NENHC will be a virtual conference, 15–18 April 2021; support that we would typically offer for travel will be directed toward reducing costs of registration.

Presenting (oral or poster) students (high school–graduate school), early-career professionals (within 5 years since earning most recent degree), and participants at any career stage from United Nations WESP countries (Table C; [Special Country Status](#)) are eligible for sponsorship. Sponsorship amounts will depend on demand and the interest expressed among categories of eligibility.

Application for Reduced Registration Sponsorship

To apply for sponsorship, complete the [Award Form](#). You will be asked to upload a pdf of an abstract summarizing the work you intend to present. Abstract formatting guidelines are described below.

IMPORTANT: Your application for reduced registration sponsorship does not hold a spot on the scientific program for you. You must **also** submit your abstract to the [Call for Presentations](#) of the conference website to be included.

The Registration Awards Committee will recommend sponsorship amounts based on evidence of eligibility, and on the clarity, completeness, scientific merit, and originality of the research detailed in the abstract. Please direct any questions to **Dennis Siegfried** (dsiegfried@sbuniv.edu).

Deadlines

- Applications for sponsorship will be accepted until **17 January 2021**.
- Applicants will be notified of their sponsorship amount by **5 February 2021**.
- The deadline for submission of abstracts for the scientific program is **19 February 2021**.
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Abstract Formatting Guidelines

- Abstracts should be a single paragraph, in English, with a maximum of 350 words.
- Use Times font at 10-point size.
- List presenter and all co-authors in this order: name, affiliation, city, state/province, country.
- Titles must be limited to 100 characters; use title case capitalization.
- Italicize scientific names of all genera and species mentioned.
- Capitalize the common names of all species.
- The first time a species is mentioned in the text of an abstract, give both its scientific name (listed first) and, if it has one, its common name (following in parentheses).
- Avoid as much as possible the use of specialized mathematical symbols.
- [Click here](#) for a pdf of an annotated sample that illustrates the key formatting guidelines.