

Michigan Mosquito Control Association William J. Lechel, II Memorial Scholarship 2010 Annual Student Paper Competition

The William J. Lechel, II, Memorial Scholarship is a student presentation competition held in conjunction with the Michigan Mosquito Control Association Annual Conference. Those entering this competition will present findings from their research or a synopsis of existing research at the Annual MMCA Conference. The MMCA feels this competition will prove to be extremely valuable in both educating students as well as promoting student involvement in MMCA.

Presentations on mosquitoes in particular are preferred, but related research may include information in health or pest-related fields; insects, insect control, weather, Lyme Disease, science education, etc. A total of 15 minutes will be allowed for each presentation.

The written title and abstract will be reviewed and judged for clarity, organization, and grammar. Submission of abstracts may be made electronically (MS Word) to Alicia Wallace, 2010 Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee, at wallacea@baycounty.net or in printed form to Alicia Wallace, Bay County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, 515 Center Avenue, Suite 503, Bay City, MI 48708. The deadline for the paper title and abstract is November 15, 2009. In addition to the title and abstract, please provide name, university/college of attendance, degree program, advisor, address, phone, email, and audio-visual requirements. A limited number of presentation spaces are available. If more presentations are submitted than time allows, the judges will select presentations that they believe would be of most interest to the conference attendees. The Association reserves the right to reject any presentation that does not meet Association minimum standards. The Awards and Recognition Committee will coordinate with the conference Planning Committee chairperson to schedule presentations. Free conference registration, including a banquet ticket, will be provided to selected competitors.

Microsoft PowerPoint® presentations in the student competition will be evaluated in 3 areas:

1. written title and abstract submitted by published deadline (10 pts);
2. presentation organization and delivery (60 pts);
3. quality of research (30 pts)

The oral presentation will be judged for organization, delivery (including sensitivity to the audience, effective use of available time, and quality of spoken English), clarity, and effective use of visual aids. Quality of research will be judged on information contained in the written abstract and covered during the formal presentation. The research significance will be judged on how well the presentation represents the significance of the project and findings. Competitors should understand that the point awards are subjective and that the various evaluation categories have been arbitrarily assigned point values. The MMCA Board of Directors will select three judges (based on recommendations from the Awards and Recognition Committee) who will attend presentations and assign scores. Judges will confer after the presentation and select one competitor to receive the William J. Lechel, II Memorial Scholarship.

The winning student will receive a certificate and a \$1,000 scholarship, which are jointly sponsored by Advanced Pest Management (Fenton, Michigan) and Clarke Mosquito Control (Roselle, Illinois). The winning PowerPoint® presentation and abstract will be displayed on the MMCA website.

Applicant qualifications:

1. Must be enrolled in a U.S. undergraduate or graduate college/university program
2. Must not have received a previous MMCA Scholarship
3. Must provide a letter of recommendation from advisor/professor
4. Must provide a biography

William J. Lechel, II Memorial Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

UNIV/COLLEGE OF ATTENDANCE: _____

DEGREE PROGRAM: _____

ADVISOR: _____

PRESENTATION TITLE: _____

ABSTRACT:

AUDIO-VISUAL REQUIREMENTS: _____

BIOGRAPHY: _____

**YOU MUST ALSO SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
FROM YOUR ADVISOR.**