The Annual
Dr. Howard A. Tanner Fisheries Excellence Fellowship

Graduate Student Award
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Michigan State University

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to announce the competition for the annual award of the Dr. Howard A. Tanner Fisheries Excellence Fellowship. The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who is committed to fisheries research related to the Great Lakes, connecting waterway or tributary stream research. **One award** will be issued each year provided a suitable applicant can be identified. Fellowships will be approximately **$2,500**. Fellowship recipients will be required to acknowledge award of their fellowship to Dr. Howard A. and Mrs. Helen K. Tanner (with a copy to the Department) prior to release of fellowship money to the successful student. Recipients must acknowledge funding support through the Dr. Howard Tanner Fisheries Endowment Fellowship at Michigan State University when appropriate (e.g., research presentations, publications).

Criteria for the award are as follows:

- Student must be a graduate student in the department of Fisheries and Wildlife pursuing a Master's or Ph.D.
- Preference will be given to:
    - Student who will be matriculating to the department in the coming academic year,
    - Students with an interest in Great Lakes, connecting waterway or tributary streams research.

ABOUT Dr. Howard A. Tanner – Dr. Howard Tanner is an alumnus of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife earning his Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. Robert Ball – a well-respected limnologist. In the mid-1960's, Dr. Tanner served as the Chief of the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) where he was heavily involved in the initial salmon stocking in the Great Lakes. From there, he served as the Director of Natural Resources for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. Tanner finished his career as the Director of the MDNR under Governor Milliken. Under Milliken, Dr. Tanner's term as Director has been referred to as "great years for Michigan's natural resources." Dr. Howard Tanner has been a long time supporter of Great Lakes water related issues.

Application information and materials are included below.

For questions regarding this form, contact:

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DEADLINE: January 20, 2016 (materials must be RECEIVED by this date)

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE

DR. HOWARD A. TANNER FISHERIES EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION DEADINE: January 20, 2016 (all materials must be RECEIVED by this date)

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS PREFERRED!!!

FAILURE TO SUMBIT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION NOT BEING REVIEWED

APPLICATION MATERIALS

I. Completed DATA FORM

II. Short (not to exceed one typed, single-spaced page) statement indicating relationship of graduate work to the protection of the Great Lakes. Students should indicate how their research will help advance protection of the Great Lakes and its tributaries.

III. Confidential Letter of Support from Major Advisor. Student should request a letter from their intended or current major advisor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at MSU. This letter should include the faculty member's assessment of student performance toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner and should also address student's commitment to Great Lakes fisheries issues. Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner.

IV. Additional Confidential Reference Letter. Students should request a letter of support from someone who is knowledgeable about the student's academic and / or professional goals. Reference should comment on student's potential for excellence in selected research area and future promise. Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner.

V. Current CV or Resume

VI. Submit materials to:

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DATA FORM

(Please complete and include this DATA FORM as a cover sheet to <u>each</u> copy of applicant's nomination materials).

<u>APPLICANT:</u>

Date:_____

Name:_____

Address (Office)_____

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Phone_____

E-mail_____

MS or PhD (circle one)

Thesis or Dissertation Title: _____

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Thesis or Dissertation Advisor:_____

My thesis or dissertation focuses on (circle one):

Great Lakes Research Connecting waterway/ tributary streams research

Semester Accepted into the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife:_____

Anticipated Graduate Date:_____