



NATIONAL COOPERATIVE FISHERIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**



The Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey – Biological Resources Division (USGS-BRD) are offering competitive 4-year full undergraduate scholarships to qualified high school seniors. Qualified junior college students are eligible for 2-year scholarships. Selected students will be part of the UAPB-USGS National Cooperative Fisheries Scholarship (NCFS) program, the goal of which is to train culturally diverse students for careers in fisheries biology and natural resources management and conservation.

THE UNIVERSITY

UAPB is a state-supported Historically Black College created in 1873 as Branch Normal College. UAPB is an 1890 Land-Grant Institution with teaching, research, and Extension responsibilities in agriculture, aquaculture, and natural fisheries. Approximately 85% of the undergraduate student body is African-American, providing a rich cultural environment. Today, UAPB has approximately 3,000 students and offers more than 700 individual courses, 42 bachelor's degree programs, four master's degree programs, and two associate degree programs. UAPB is a multi-cultural institution and one of the 104 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the country. Founded in 1873 as Branch Normal College, it is the second oldest public institution in the state. Social and recreational activities on campus are varied and numerous, including Division I NCAA intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics, national fraternities and sororities, regular guest speakers, movies, dances, and various student organizations.

THE CITY

The campus is located in Pine Bluff, a city of 54,000 residents located 40 miles south of Little Rock and 125 miles southeast of Memphis, Tennessee. City attractions include the Pine Bluff Convention Center, Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas, University Museum and Cultural Center, the Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra, the Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center, Regional Athletic Sports Complex, The Pines Mall, Arkansas Railroad Museum, numerous parks, festivals, and other recreational facilities. Lake Saracen, Bayou Bartholomew, and the Arkansas River offer local fishing and water recreation opportunities. In addition, the Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area, White River National Wildlife Refuge, and Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge are all located within 90 minutes of campus.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Aquaculture/Fisheries Center of Excellence at UAPB was created in 1988. It is an academic, research, and Extension center dedicated to the development and transfer of timely and problem-solving information. The primary beneficiaries of the Center are the region's aquaculture producers, aquaculture support industries, natural resource managers, outdoors recreational users, and students. The department offers a B.Sc. degree

in Fisheries Biology and an M.S. degree in Aquaculture and Fisheries. Undergraduate enrollment has grown rapidly in recent years. Many undergraduate students gain hands-on professional experience by working on various aquaculture and fisheries research projects conducted by faculty and other university scientists. If qualified, students frequently spend summers working in off-campus internships with state and federal natural resource agencies or at aquaculture facilities.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

NCFS scholarships are nationally competitive and include tuition, fees, on-campus room and board, and textbooks. Travel to professional meetings is supported as much as possible. Scholarships are available for four consecutive years, or eight consecutive semesters, and are valued at approximately \$45,000. Applicants must have a very strong desire to work in the field of fisheries or natural resource management, and be willing to intern during summers with faculty or state/federal agencies.

Scholarship Application Requirements

- Graduating high school senior or eligible junior college student
- Demonstration of high academic achievement
- Official school transcripts
- Official ACT or SAT scores
- Two letters of recommendation from non-relatives
- Demonstrated desire to work in the field of fisheries and/or natural resources conservation and management
- Willingness to travel and work during summers with faculty or other professional mentors
- Required to work with faculty mentors or other designated individual for 4 hours per week during the school year
- Completed application forms received at UAPB by deadline
- Other terms and conditions apply

All applications will be reviewed by a committee and an interview will be arranged for scholarship finalists. Scholarship selection will be based upon application requirements. Awards are typically made by May 1 of each year.

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APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: March 15, 2011



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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2011

Please type or clearly print application

(1) Name: _____

(2) Social Security Number: _____ (3) Birth Date: _____

(4) Gender: _____

(5) Please indicate ethnic identity below:

___ Black/Non-Hispanic ___ White/Non-Hispanic ___ Hispanic

___ Alaskan Native/American Indian ___ Asian/Pacific Islander

___ Other (specify) _____

Information regarding race or ethnicity is voluntary and will be used in a nondiscriminatory manner consistent with applicable civil rights laws. Failure to provide the requested information will not affect the applicant's admission status.

(6) Address: _____

(7) Telephone Number: _____

(8) E-Mail: _____

(9) Parent/Guardian Name: _____

(10) High School Name: _____

(11) High School Address: _____

(12) Grade Point Average (Mail Official Transcripts): _____

(13) ACT or SAT Score (Mail Official Scores): _____

(14) Letters of Reference to be Mailed:

1. _____
(Name)

(Title)

(Mailing Address)

(Phone Number)

2. _____
(Name)

(Title)

(Mailing Address)

(Phone Number)

(15) List of Honors, Achievements, and Extra Curricular Activities: _____

(16) On a separate sheet of paper type a 500 word or less essay that describes your education and career goals.

(17) On a separate sheet of paper type a 500 word or less essay that demonstrates your life-experiences and interests in the field of fisheries/natural resources conservation and management.

**** Applications that are incomplete on the closing date will not be considered ****

The University of Arkansas ensures equal opportunity in education regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status, in accordance with University policy and