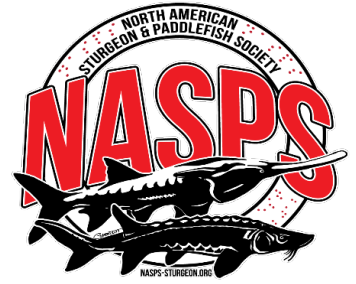


North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society

In-Memoriam Research Award

2026



The North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society (NASPS) is accepting applications for the NASPS In-Memoriam Research Award. This Award honors, in passing, the memory of our colleagues who made significant contribution to the management, research, and conservation of sturgeon and paddlefish in North America. This award is intended to continue their legacy of sturgeon and paddlefish science by supporting students who conduct sturgeon/paddlefish research, demonstrate academic achievement, leadership ability, and whose professional goals support the mission of NASPS. In their honor, a single award will be given in 2026 (up to \$3,000) to a student to assist with equipment costs or travel to conduct field work.

Application Requirements: The award is open to students who: 1) are enrolled full-time at any college/university in Canada or the U.S.; 2) have a defined thesis or dissertation project on sturgeon/paddlefish; 3) demonstrate academic excellence; and 4) are a student member of NASPS.

Application Process: Applicants must submit a single PDF packet that contains the following:

- a. Cover letter describing: 1) professional goals, 2) relevance of research to sturgeon/paddlefish conservation and/or management, and 3) how the award will assist student research. The cover letter should not exceed 2 pages.
- b. CV including current GPA, anticipated date of degree completion, participation in professional clubs and chapters, pertinent publications, and scientific presentations relevant to sturgeon/paddlefish.
- c. Budget detailing how funds will be spent. The award must be used within 1 year of issuance.
- d. Unofficial academic transcript from their current institution.
- e. Two letters of recommendation (1 page): One letter must be from the student's advisor and one letter must be from fisheries professional familiar with the student's abilities.

Notification: The 2026 student recipient of the In-Memoriam Research Award will be announced at the 2026 NASPS Annual Meeting in October in Tulsa, OK. Award funds are only eligible for distribution to the student's university (indirect costs are not allowed).

Application Submission and Deadline: The application packet must be submitted to nasps@nasps-sturgeon.org by **August 7, 2026**.

