

MICRA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TRAVEL GRANT

The Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (MICRA) may award an annual travel grant (reimbursement of actual expenses up to \$1,000.00) to a professional staff member of one of MICRA's member state or federal agencies. The grant is intended to provide individuals who have recently begun their professional career (≤ 5 years) with travel funds to attend a professional meeting or conference that they would not otherwise be able to attend.

Announcements for the travel grant will be made through *River Crossings* and direct mailings to agency administrators. Applications may be submitted beginning July 1 and **the deadline for submissions will be January 15th, annually**. Applications should be completed on the attached form and include a detailed abstract (not to exceed 1-page). A letter requesting support from the appropriate agency administrator accompanying the application is strongly recommended. The MICRA Executive Board will rank applications using a weighted scoring system.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- Abstract
- Scientific Value
- Relevance to large river fisheries and aquatic resource management
- Importance to MICRA
- Applicant's reason for attending meeting (e.g., poster or oral presentation, training or workshop, active role in technical committee or another working group meeting)
- Administrator or supervisor's written recommendation

The MICRA Chair will notify the successful candidate and the respective agency administrator in writing within 30-days of the application deadline. In the event the annual travel grant is not awarded, the MICRA Executive Board will consider applications for the travel grant on an individual basis throughout the remainder of the calendar year.

Completed applications should be submitted to MICRA@MICRArivers.org, or mail to: MICRA, 292 San Diego Road, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

APPLICATION FOR MICRA TRAVEL GRANT

NAME: _____ AGENCY: _____

ADMINISTRATOR / CONTACT: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER? _____

WHAT MEETING ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND? _____

WILL THE INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THE MEETING BE PUBLISHED IN A PEER-REVIEWED
MANUSCRIPT BASED ON YOUR PRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE? _____

IF YES, EXPLAIN: _____

IS A WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR ENCLOSED? _____,
OR BEING PROVIDED SEPERATELY? _____

REASON FOR ATTENDING MEETING:

TITLE OF PRESENTATION:

ABSTRACT: ATTACH ON A SEPARATE PAGE (NOT TO EXCEED 1-PAGE)