



Student Restoration Practice Grant Request for Proposals

About Midwest-Great Lakes (MWGL) SER Chapter

The [MWGL SER Chapter](#) was recognized as an SER Regional Chapter in March 2008 and serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Our mission is to promote the science and practice of ecological restoration to assist with the recovery and management of degraded ecosystems throughout the Midwestern and Great Lakes region of the United States.

Student Restoration Practice Grant

The purpose of the Student Restoration Practice Grant is to encourage and support student involvement the practice of ecological restoration within the regional boundaries of the MWGL SER Chapter. The MWGL SER chapter will award one grant of up to \$1,000 to an eligible student, student group, organization or student-oriented group to be used for supplies, equipment and other items that facilitate the practice of restoration. The award recipient will be announced on the chapter's social media sites, will be invited to contribute to the chapter blog, and will be expected to present an oral or poster presentation on their project at the 2018 meeting. The individual or groups that received this award is also expected to prepare a written report to the Awards Committee following details what the funds were used to purchase and how they were used.

Application:

- **The primary applicant must be member of MWGL SER Chapter** <http://ser.org/membership>
- **Narrative** –Narratives should not exceed 3 pages (no smaller than 11pt font with 1” margins including all text, figures and literature cited. Competitive proposals must clearly describe how the funds will be used, the need for the funds, and how the planned activities support the Chapter’s mission. Proposals should include the following:
 - *Introduction* – provide an overview of the restoration project and the specific objectives for the planned activities will be implemented with the requested funds. This section needs to also describe the goals, history, composition, and past activities of the associated student group.
 - *Planned Activities:* describe the planned activities and restoration practices that will be implemented with the requested funds
 - *Anticipated Benefits* – explain anticipated benefits and how the planned activities will contribute to furthering our understanding of the practice of ecological restoration
 - *Literature Cited* (if needed) – following the format of *Restoration Ecology*
- **Budget & Justification** – A complete budget including a list of supplies and cost estimates for the project should be included as well as a statement indicating acquired pending funding. MWGL will award up to \$1,000.
- **Letter of support** – A letter of support from an advisor, mentor, community member, or other supporting partner highlighting the student or group’s accomplishments, available resources, and ability to complete the proposed project.

All application materials should be emailed as doc, docx or pdf files to: mwgl.ser@gmail.com with “Practice Award Application” as the subject. Files should saved as the primary applicant’s last name or the student group name and document type. Ie. “Smith Proposal” or “Restoration Renegades Budget”. Applicants should include their full name, institutional mailing address, email address and phone number in the body of the email.

Application Deadline: May 5, 2017. Awards will be announced by May 31, 2017.