



Student Restoration Practice Grant - Request for Proposals

The [Society for Ecological Restoration Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter](#) (SER MWGL) was recognized as an SER Regional Chapter in March 2008 and serves Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. 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 in the practice of ecological restoration within the regional boundaries of SER MWGL Chapter. Student Chapter members attending institutions of higher education within the regional boundaries are eligible to apply for the award. The Chapter will award one grant of up to \$1,000 to an eligible student, student group, or student-oriented group to be used for supplies, equipment, and other items that will support implementation of restoration practices. The award winner will be announced on the chapter blog (<https://restorationnewsmidwest.wordpress.com>) and the recipient will be expected to present an oral or poster presentation about their funded project at the 2019 Annual Chapter Meeting.

Application:

- **Eligibility** - The lead applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student who is a member of SER MWGL Chapter*
- **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 how 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 secured or anticipated pending funding. SER MWGL Chapter will award up to \$1,000. The budget request should not include funds to cover travel expenses to the annual meeting.)
- **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. Applicants should include their full name, institutional mailing address, email address and phone number in the body of the email.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2018

*The SER student membership (\$25) includes membership in both SER and SER MWGL chapter. Associated benefits include the discounted registration prices at Annual Chapter Meetings and SER World Conferences, SER bi-monthly newsletter, 25% off Island Press publications, 35% off John Wiley & Son publications, and more. For additional information on membership see <http://www.ser.org/membership>