

TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION



The Turtle Survival Alliance will host the 8th Annual Symposium on the Conservation and Biology of Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles

16 – 19 August 2010, Orlando, Florida

Joint Annual meeting of the Turtle Survival Alliance and IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group

The TSA believes that the diversity of people and projects that we support is an integral component of our success. This diversity is highlighted at the TSA's Annual Symposium, which has been touted as *the* conference to attend if you are serious about turtles. Last year's conference brought together participants from countries all over the world including Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Canada, Madagascar and Pakistan to name a few. Many students and foreign participants apply for supplemental funding to help them cover the costs of attending the conference. The TSA has a Travel Grants budget to assist with travel and room expenses because we know that getting together as one group is crucial to building collaborations through the sharing of ideas and new discoveries.

There are several points to remember:

- Applicants will only be considered if they have submitted an abstract. A complete abstract indicating type of presentation (oral or poster) must accompany the application.
- The deadline for Travel Grant applications is the same as abstract submission: **June 15, 2010**.
- Student applicants may be required to share a room with as many as three other student applicants (maximum of four students per room). This is a great way to meet other students working in your field.
- Student grant recipients will be asked to contribute a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time during the conference to help with various activities.
- Non-student applicants are encouraged to share a room with one other applicant. While not the sole criterion for awards, applicants who opt to room share will be given additional considerations.
- Only international applicants will be eligible for Travel Grants covering airfare.

Funded presenters are requested to bring an auction item which ideally should be something unique from your country or part of the world. The annual TSA auction, in part, funds presenter travel expenses. The item need not be large or expensive. In the past, relatively small, unique items have brought over \$500 each at auction. Books, turtle souvenirs and artifacts are welcome, but no live animals are allowed.

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Name: _____
Institution/Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Are you a student: Yes No
If Yes, provide your faculty
mentor or advisor's name,
contact information and signature:

Faculty Name: _____
Institution: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Signature: _____

Are you an invited speaker in a session? Yes No
Are you applying to be considered for a session? Yes No
If yes to either of the above, which session: _____

Type of funding requested:

- Conference Registration Only (approximately \$100 US)
 Hotel room for 4 nights (16-19 August) (approximately \$400 US)

Or

- Registration and Hotel - 4 Nights (approximately \$500 US)
 I am willing to share a room with another applicant.
 I am NOT willing to share a room with another applicant.

Registration and Accommodation will be reserved and paid directly by the TSA.

International applicants only:

- Airfare (\$500 US **maximum**). These will be fixed price disbursements. The TSA will mail checks to selected applicants at least 45 days before the conference to allow ample time to secure discounted airfares.

Please review the following statements and check the boxes to confirm:

- I understand that additional funds will be required for other expenses such as transport between the airport and the hotel as well as food expenses and incidentals. These additional funds are my responsibility.
- I understand that student applicants agree to contribute four hours of volunteer time while at the conference.
- I understand that funded presenters will be requested to donate an auction item, which ideally should be something unique from your part of the world. Books, turtle souvenirs, and artifacts are welcome, but no live animals are allowed.

Please enter your initials to verify: _____

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ABSTRACT

Title of Presentation: _____

Authors: _____

Type of Presentation: Oral Poster

Abstract (**Not to exceed 350 words**):

To submit your application electronically:

- Select 'File', then 'Save As' and save your completed form to your computer, using your first and last name as the File Name OR
- Print a copy, have it signed by your professor, then scan it and save it as a PDF (using your first and last name as the File Name).
- Email your application as an attachment to HLowe@turtlesurvival.org by **June 15, 2010**

To submit your application by mail:

- Print and mail to: Turtle Survival Alliance, 1989 Colonial Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76110 USA
- Applications submitted via mail must be received by June 15, 2010.