

The Annual Joseph Laurence Maison Fellowship

Graduate Student Award Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Michigan State University

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to announce the competition for the annual award of the Joseph Laurence Maison Fellowship. The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who is committed to pursuing a career in wildlife conservation. **Two awards** will be issued each year provided suitable applicants can be identified. Fellowships will be approximately **\$2,500**. **Funds for this award will be distributed at the beginning of the fall semester.** Fellowship recipients will be required to acknowledge award of their fellowship to Lorelei Maison Rockwell and Wayne Tilton Kennedy (with a copy to the Department) prior to release of fellowship money to the successful students. Recipients must acknowledge funding support through the Joseph Laurence Maison Fellowship at Michigan State University when appropriate (e.g., research presentations, publications).

Criteria for the award are as follows:

- Must be a graduate student in the department of Fisheries and Wildlife pursuing a Master's or Ph.D.
- Preference will be given to:
 - Students in good academic standing pursuing a career in wildlife conservation and have demonstrated leadership qualities, participated in community service, and a resident of the State of Michigan.
 - Evidence of progress toward, or potential to complete degree in a timely fashion
 - Evidence of likely professional success and excellence related to the purposes of the award, e.g., through research and outreach products (such as publications, presentations, programs, and workshops) and other professional activities, as well as academic performance.
 - Service activities within the GSO, department, the University, to the profession, and more broadly

ABOUT Joseph Laurence Maison – Joe Maison, was a Michigan outdoorsman and hunter all his life, through experience came to understand something of the lives of local wildlife. He had great respect for the state's animals, birds and fish and appreciated the idea of habitat conservation.

Application information and materials are included below.

For questions regarding this form, contact:

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DEADLINE: January 20, 2019 (materials must be RECEIVED by this date)

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE JOSEPH LAURENCE MAISON FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 20, 2019 (all materials must be RECEIVED by this date)

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS PREFERRED!!!

***FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL RESULT
IN THE APPLICATION NOT BEING REVIEWED***

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- I. Completed DATA FORM**
- II. Short (not to exceed one typed, single-spaced page) statement indicating relationship of graduate work to wildlife conservation.** Students should indicate how their research will help advance wildlife conservation, community service and leadership activities.
- III. Confidential Letter of Support from Major Advisor.** Student should request a letter from their intended or current major advisor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at MSU. This letter should include the faculty member's assessment of student performance toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner, as well as qualification in general, relative to the award criteria and should also address student's commitment to wildlife conservation issues. Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner.
- IV. Additional Confidential Reference Letter.** Students should request a letter of support from someone who is knowledgeable about the student's academic and / or professional goals. Reference should comment on student's potential for excellence in selected research area and future promise. Letter should be sent directly to Sharon Reasoner.
- V. Current CV or Resume**
- VI. Submit materials to:**

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Department of Fisheries and Wildlife	Fax: 517-432-3502
13 Natural Resources Building	
Michigan State University	
East Lansing, MI 48824-1222	

**JOSEPH LAURENCE MAISON FELLOWSHIP
DATA FORM**

(Please complete and include this DATA FORM as a cover sheet to applicant's nomination materials).

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address (Office): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

MS or PhD (circle one)

Thesis or Dissertation Title: _____

Thesis or Dissertation Advisor: _____

Semester Accepted into Graduate School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____