**SEERS STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM**

SEERS is offering up to five student travel awards of $150 each to qualifying students attending the Spring 2017 Joint SEERS/Benthic Ecology meeting at Myrtle Beach, SC, on April 12-16, 2017. The SEERS portion of the meeting is from April 13-15, 2017. Applicants must attend at least the SEERS portion of the meeting to be eligible for the award. To qualify for a student travel award, students must:

* Be enrolled at a college or university for the Spring 2017 semester;
* Be a SEERS member in good standing for 2017;
* Be registered for the Spring 2017 meeting and have submitted an abstract for presentation (oral or poster) at the meeting;
* Submit SEERS Student Travel Award Application Form (below) with attached abstract by

**February 15th at 5:00 PM**. All information on application form must be complete. Your Advisor's signature must be on application. Failure to meet these criteria will disqualify the student from a travel award.

Please note that only one award can be granted per presentation. Also, students receiving awards must be present to give their presentation at the published time. For posters, the official presentation time will be the time during which posters are being judged regardless of whether the poster is entered in the student competition. If more applications are received than the number of grants available, the selection process will be based on the quality of the application and submitted abstract, with preference given to students who can demonstrate a clear financial need and have not won an award in the past.

The Form with advisor's signature and attached abstract must be emailed **by 5:00 PM on Wednesday February 15, 2017**, to Cassondra Thomas (presidentelect@seers.org). PDF files are preferred. Recipients of the travel awards will be notified by February 20, 2017, and are encouraged to attend the SEERS Business Meeting to receive their checks. You may direct any questions to Cassondra Thomas (presidentelect@seers.org) before the deadline.

**SEERS STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Email address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attach abstract on separate page and include title of your presentation below:

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Are you currently a SEERS member in good standing? \_\_\_\_ When did you join?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received a SEERS Travel Award before? \_\_\_\_ If so, when?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in a college or university? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of academic institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's printed name and date and signature\*:

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SIGNATURE DATE

\*If advisor is not available, obtain a signature from another university official who can verify that you are currently a student in good standing.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED** (Amounts can be approximate)

Budget estimate Amount paid for by your institution

SEERS registration = =

Air travel = =

Driving (to meeting + local) = =

Lodging = =

Meals = =

Incidentals (parking, taxi, etc.) = =

TOTAL = =

Write a paragraph or two below, describing in your own words, the particular importance and necessity for you of obtaining a SEERS travel award (keep this form to one page please):

Advisor's printed name and date and signature\*:

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