**Student Travel Awards Available for CSTWS/OCTWS Annual Conference in Peterborough, ON**

The 2020 joint conference of Canadian Section and the Ontario Chapter of The Wildlife Society will be held March 27 – 29, 2020 in Peterborough, Ontario (go to <http://www.octws.ca/conference.html> for details and to register). It’s always a great opportunity to network with wildlife professionals and students.

The CSTWS has limited funds available to assist students with travel expenses to attend the conference. Those needing support will need to submit their application by **Monday, 2 March 2020.** Eligibility criteria include: (1) did not receive Canadian Section Travel Award support within the last 12 months; 2) is a current member of the Canadian Section; (3) is a current student or recent graduate (degree received within the last 12 months); (4) is the senior author and presenter of an accepted paper or poster. The maximum that may be requested is $500. Non-members can join today by visiting <http://cstws.ca/membership/>

The Ontario Chapter is also offering award funds available to member(s) of the Ontario Chapter. Please note within application whether you are a member of the Ontario Chapter. Not a member of the Ontario Chapter? It’s not too late! Join today by registering for the [conference](http://www.octws.ca/conference.html) or visiting the OCTWS [membership registration page](http://www.octws.ca/membership.html).

Application materials and instructions are posted on the web. Go to the [conference website](http://www.octws.ca/conference.html) and click on “Student Travel Award Application.” Applicants must submit an application form signed by student and advisor (scanned); statement outlining total, expected conference travel expenses and sources including those requested from the Canadian Section; and a copy of the abstract for the paper or poster that will be presented at the conference. Following the conference, recipients of travel support will need to file a reimbursement claim. They are also required to provide 1-3 photos of themselves at the meeting and a short narrative of their experiences at the meeting for publishing in the CSTWS Newsletter.

Any questions, contact Joe Northrup or Emilie Kissler co-chair of the Awards Committee (joseph.northrup@ontario.ca or emilie.kissler@ontario.ca).