



## Guidelines for Student Chapters

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of a Student Chapter is based on the mission of Wildlife Disease Association, "... to promote healthy wildlife and ecosystems, biodiversity conservation, and environmentally sustainable solutions to One Health challenges." More specifically, Student Chapters should aim to:

- **Educate students** about career options, job qualifications and education, externships, volunteer, and research opportunities
- **Enhance skills** of students through lectures, workshops, conferences, or field trips
- **Connect students** to colleagues in WDA and the profession through the faculty advisor, guest lecturers and the mentoring program.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Student chapters are composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students interested in our mission. Other than the faculty advisor and the chapter officers, membership in WDA is not a prerequisite. However, make sure that you advertise the advantages of WDA membership to your chapter members (discount on conference fees, student awards at conferences, WDA newsletter and news updates, mentoring program etc.). The number of student WDA members within the chapter is one of the criteria in the Student Chapter Grant selection process.

**DUES:** The dues structure of each student chapter is determined by that chapter. Revenue from dues is to be spent by the chapter in keeping with the objectives of a Student Chapter.

### **REPORTS TO WDA:**

#### **Student Chapter Annual Report:**

- must be filled in and submitted annually - **Submission deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>**
- If there is no Annual Progress Report, then your chapter will be considered inactive and won't be eligible for Student Chapter Grants until a completed report is submitted.
- Annual Report fillable form available [HERE](#)

#### **Financial Report:**

- needs to be filled in and submitted annually **only** if you applied for a Student Chapter Grant in the previous year.
- **Submission deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>!**
- If you received a Chapter Grant and did not complete the Financial Report your chapter will be considered inactive and won't be eligible for Student Chapter Grants until a completed report is submitted.
- Financial report describes how WDA Grant was spent and it is included in the Annual Report

#### **Student Chapter Grant Application:**

- Please complete and submit **only** if your Student Chapter would like to apply for a Grant.
- **Submission deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>**
- Chapter Grants are usually between \$500 – \$1,000 USD per chapter
- Awarded annually
- Application template available for [SEED GRANT](#) and [BLOSSOM GRANT](#)