

Travel Award for Extension/Outreach

The National Aquaculture Extension Conference (NAEC) has been held at approximately 5- year intervals since 1992. The overarching goal of the conference is to provide a forum for professional development and networking for those involved in aquaculture extension education and outreach. The last-in-person conference was held in Boise, Idaho, hosted by the Western Regional Aquaculture Center (WRAC) and co-chaired by Gary Fornshell and Forrest Wynne. A shorter virtual conference was conducted in June 2021.

The 7th National Aquaculture Extension Conference will be held on June 13-17, 2022, in Portland, Maine. The 2022 conference is co-sponsored by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) five Regional Aquaculture Centers and the NOAA National Sea Grant Program.

The North Central Regional Aquaculture Center (NCRAC) has been awarded funds (\$19,366) from USDA-NIFA to support the attendance of individuals whose professional duties include *extension/outreach in support of commercial aquaculture* within the 12-state North Central Region.

Conference Travel Awards will reimburse awardees (maximum \$2,000) for conference registration, domestic travel from the location of your home institution to the conference (ground transportation and flights), accommodation and daily per diem according to Iowa State University travel policies. Note: Anticipated costs include \$125 registration, \$800 hotel and ~\$1,000 travel. For more details go to: [National Aquaculture Extension Conference - Maine Sea Grant \(umaine.edu\)](https://umaine.edu/national-aquaculture-extension-conference-maine-sea-grant/).

Eligibility: Applications are invited from Extension/outreach contacts within the 12-state North Central Region. Membership in the NCRAC Technical Committee/Extension is a priority but all are encouraged to apply. Applicants are expected to be actively involved in the NAEC (e.g., platform or poster presentations, or organizing/leading conference sessions or workshops). Deadline for initial consideration is *Friday, April 22, 2022*. Please send applications to Ms. Ellen Nystrom, Program Specialist II, North Central Regional Aquaculture Center, Dept. of NREM, 339 Science II, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011-3221. Email is ejn@iastate.edu; telephone is 515-294-5280.

Applications should include (12-point font):

1. Name, position and contact details

2. Justification of the request (250 words maximum: why will your attendance benefit the North Central Region's commercial aquaculture industry?)

3. Budget (approximate): costs of ground transportation, flights, conference registration, accommodation plus number of days per diem. Applicants are expected to use the cheapest air fares available.

4. **Budget justification** (breakdown, why are other funds not available)

5. **Curriculum vitae** (maximum of two single-spaced pages)