

Announcing:
The Dissertation Medal in Applied Climatology for 2011
Awarded By The
American Association of State Climatologists (AASC)

Application Information

Purpose

The American Association of State Climatologists (AASC) is pleased to announce the competition for its fifth Dissertation Medal in Applied Climatology for 2011 – to be awarded to a recent recipient of the Ph.D. degree in North America or U.S. Territories whose research is considered significant to applied climatology.

The Award

The presentation will bestow a dissertation medal and a cash award of \$500 to the winning nominee. The award also includes paid attendance at the Annual Meeting of the AASC that includes out-of-pocket travel expenses up to \$1300 and the waiving of all registration fees.

Eligibility

To be considered for the AASC medal, a nominee's Ph.D. must have been awarded within three *calendar* years prior to the award submission date (April 15, 2011). The nominee must have a galley-proof manuscript or a published journal article derived from dissertation work accomplished while a student in North America or one of the U.S. Territories. Dissertations per se are not eligible for consideration.

Nominations

Nominations are solicited on behalf of graduates (or their sponsors) of universities in North America and the U.S. Territories. The nominator (e.g., State Climatologist, Regional Climatologist, Department Chair, or professional colleague) should submit an original letter of nomination. This letter should discuss the extent of independence exhibited by the nominee in the choice and execution of the dissertation research.

Four reprints of the dissertation research (as published in a refereed journal or in galley-proof format) must accompany the nomination or a complete electronic equivalent. Please submit only one article per nominee.

Nominations received for the current year's competition remain under consideration for two additional calendar years, provided the eligibility criteria are met.

Due Date

Nomination letters and the required reprints must be received in the office of the AASC President on or before **15 April 2011**.

Selection

A Dissertation Medal Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the AASC to select the award recipient. If, in the opinion of the Committee, none of the nominees' publications are sufficiently outstanding, the medal will not be given for that year. If an award recipient is chosen, they, along with other nominees will be notified by June 10, 2011. The awardee will be expected to deliver a presentation of the dissertation research at the Annual Meeting of the AASC in Asheville, North Carolina July 20-22, 2011.

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Evaluation Criteria

Nominations and manuscripts submitted for the AASC Dissertation Medal will be evaluated based on these considerations

Does the research make a significant contribution to applied climatology (yes/no)

If "Yes" then the following scoring system will be applied

- Clarity of the Manuscript (0 to 20 points)
- Organization/Figure Quality (0 to 25 points)
- Creativity (0 to 25 points)
- Scientific Merit (0 to 30 points)