



Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

Carol De Forest Forensic Science Research Grant Application

Purpose: The Carol De Forest Research Grant provides full time undergraduate or graduate forensic science students with financial assistance to conduct research.

Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be a full-time student completing his or her undergraduate or graduate degree at a regionally accredited institution located in the Northeastern U.S. (New England, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania).
- The applicant must be majoring in a natural, allied or forensic science.
- The student must have a research advisor who is a faculty member at the student's academic institution.

Grant Amount: The maximum award is \$2500. Exact funding amounts will be at the discretion of the NEAFS Research Award Committee. Funding cannot be used for administrative expenses, salaries, or permanent equipment. A maximum of 10% of the budget may be used for travel expenses to attend the NEAFS Annual Meeting where the awardee will give a presentation (oral or poster) of the completed research.

Evaluation of Grant Proposals: Grant proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Originality of the research project
- Contribution of the research to improving the analysis of forensic evidence and/or understanding forensic science
- Ability of the student to use the scientific method to formulate a hypothesis and generate a conclusion
- Ability of the student to properly collect and analyze data
- Ability of the student to write a research proposal in clear and concise language which explains the research problem and proposes a solution
- Potential for success in the research (including past research by the student and/or advisor)
- Preference will be given to NEAFS members

Special Terms and Conditions: If the applicant is selected and accepts the award amount, he/she must comply with the following:

- A progress report will be due six months after the award is given
- A final project report will be due one year after the award is given. The report will include a summary report to be published in the NEAFS Newsletter
- Results will be presented at the NEAFS Annual Meeting one year after the award is given
- The grant shall be acknowledged in any publications resulting from the research supported by the grant

Application: Applicants must complete the application (on next page) and submit with the required attachments. All documents must be submitted electronically. All submissions must be received and completed by **April 30th**. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit application and all accompanying documents electronically to Awards@NEAFS.org

PART I – Background Information

Student Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

NEAFS Member Yes No NEAFS Member # (if applicable) _____

Current Educational Institution Information

School Name _____

School Address _____

Dates attended _____ Major and Degree _____

Advisor Information

Advisor's Name _____

Advisor's Address _____

Advisor's Phone _____ Advisor's Email _____

Part II – Research Information

Attachment A – Provide a concise three (3) to six (6) page research proposal which addresses the following:

- Title
- Introduction, background and significance of research proposed
- Appropriate references cited
- Experimental procedure
- Expected results and contribution to forensic science
- Budget for the project including amount requested from NEAFS

Attachment B – Provide a concise one (1) to two (2) page statement of qualifications which includes:

- Career goals
- Why you believe you should be chosen to receive this grant
- Why you believe you will be successful in your research

Attachment C – Curriculum Vitae of no more than two (2) pages

Attachment D – Most recent cumulative academic transcripts for your undergraduate and/or graduate degree(s)

Attachment E – Curriculum Vitae and Letter of recommendation from the research advisor which includes:

- Capacity in which they know the applicant
- How they are involved in the applicant's research
- Opinion of the potential for applicant's success

Additional Attachments – please include the following where applicable:

- If human or animal subjects are being used, must have proof of approval from the educational institution
- If the project involves the collection of identifiable data (e.g. DNA profiles), must have confidentiality agreements and privacy protections
- Any additional certifications, approvals or permits that may be required by your research (e.g. Ballistics research may require a gun permit)

Part III – Certification/Acknowledgement

Statement of Applicant

I, the undersigned, certify that all the information provided by me in the application is true and factual.

Signature of the Applicant _____ Date _____

Statement of Advisor

I, the undersigned, certify that all the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that I will oversee the research project described above and provide support and advice to the student when necessary. Finally, by signing below, the academic program agrees to provide financial support to the student to allow them to present their research at the next annual NEAFS meeting, or to find an appropriate substitute to present the research findings in the event the original applicant cannot present for whatever reason. Failure to do so will result in a 3 year period whereby the program will be ineligible for the award.

Signature of the Advisor _____ Date _____

