# 2018 Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) and the Membership Committee are pleased to announce that travel awards are available to support the attendance and participation of graduate students and rural scholars with limited travel funds at the annual conference to be held in Portland, Oregon. These awards will be given on a competitive basis and are meant to assist students and others in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting. Awardees will be reimbursed at the annual meeting in Portland.

We anticipate granting awards at the minimum amount of $100 per recipient or at a maximum amount of $300; however, the amount of funds and the number of awards may fluctuate depending on the number of applications and the need described therein.

# Eligibility and Application Requirements

## To be eligible for the award, an applicant must be:

* An active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper during a paper session presenting a poster on research.
* A student pursuing a degree relevant to rural studies in an academic institution OR able to demonstrate a lack of funds to attend the annual meeting.
* A member of the Rural Sociological Society at the time of receiving the award.

## To apply, an applicant must submit:

* A completed Travel Award Application (see below)
* If student, a letter of support or recommendation from a faculty member or department chair. If non-student, a letter of support which also documents need from a current boss/department chair or former advisor (e.g., for those seeking employment). Please have these emailed directly to Dr. Schad by the letter writer.

Completed applications should be submitted via e-mail to Jessica Ulrich-Schad ([jessica.schad@sdstate.edu](mailto:jessica.schad@sdstate.edu)) no later than **February 15th, 2018, 11:59 p.m. (EST)**.

The Membership Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 29th, 2018.

**Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award 2018 Application**

*Please fill out the following using as much space as you need.*

1. **Name (first and last):**
2. **Email address:**
3. **Institution you are representing (if none, please indicate):**
4. **Are you a student?**
5. **Please describe any leadership positions you have held in RSS (e.g., RIG chairs, student representative, etc.):**
6. **Please list the title of your presentation or session at the annual meeting and the nature of your role (e.g., author or coauthor, discussant, workshop leader, panelist, etc.):**
7. **What are your expected costs for attending the annual meeting in Portland (please categorize by estimated travel, food, registration, hotel, other)?**
8. **How much (cash or in-kind) financial support for attending the annual meeting can you expect to receive from your institution or other non-personal sources?**
9. **Please state any financial hardships that you may have that would preclude you from participating at the annual meeting.**
10. **Finally, please state what potential benefits you will garner from participating in the meetings.**