

**Announcing**  
**The Dissertation Medal in Applied Climatology for 2006**

**Awarded By The**  
**American Association of State Climatologists**

**Application Information**

**Purpose**

The American Association of State Climatologists (AASC) is pleased to announce its inaugural Dissertation Medal in Applied Climatology for 2006 – to be awarded each year to a recent recipient of the Ph.D. degree in North America or U.S. Territories whose research is considered significant to applied climatology.

**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 (May 15, 2006).

**Who Can Apply**

Any recent Ph. D. graduate who has 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 from 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.

Nominations received for the current year's competition remain under consideration for two additional calendar years following the initial year of eligibility.

**Due Date**

Nomination letters and the required reprints must be received in the offices of the AASC President on or before **15 May 2006**.

## **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 is sufficiently outstanding, the medal will not be given for that year. The award recipient along with other nominees will be notified by June 2, 2006 for presentation of the dissertation medal on June 22, 2006 at the Annual Meeting of the AASC.

## **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 \$1000 and the waiving of all registration fees.

## **Corresponding Address**

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## **Evaluation Criteria**

Nominations and manuscripts submitted for the AASC Dissertation Medal will be evaluated based on the following scale (0 to 100 points):

- Clarity of the Manuscript (0 to 20 points)
- Organization/Figure Quality (0 to 20 points)
- Creativity (0 to 25 points)
- Scientific Merit (0 to 35 points)