

# SUPPORT FOR PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND SSAR ANNUAL MEETING



SSAR IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL provide funds for selected junior and senior high school students who are budding herpetologists and wish to interact with advanced students and professionals with similar interests. Some pre-baccalaureate students already have knowledge about amphibians and reptiles, but wish to learn more about the field of herpetology. Attending our annual meeting, which will be held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, New York, from July 11 to 15, 2018, would provide such an opportunity. Check this website: [conferences.k-state.edu/joint-meeting](http://conferences.k-state.edu/joint-meeting).

An anonymous donor has made some funds available to support several students in 2018. These awards will cover the student's registration fees and may possibly help to defray some other expenses.



*Students who wish to apply must provide the following information by email:*

1. A 1-page, double-spaced statement about why you wish to attend and what you expect to gain from the experience.
2. A letter of support from your teacher or guidance counselor endorsing your application and certifying that you are a current student at their school.
3. One of your parents must agree to attend the meeting with you to act as chaperone and provide us a note about their agreement to attend with you.
4. If you need more than the registration fees, please explain why and what amount you would need. (We cannot cover a parent's expenses.)

**All application materials must be sent before March 15, 2018** to: Professor Marion Preest, SSAR Secretary, at: [Mpreest@kecksci.claremont.edu](mailto:Mpreest@kecksci.claremont.edu). Awards will be announced by April 15th; all funds will be made available at the meeting.

One further requirement of these meeting awards is that students must provide a few paragraphs about their experiences at the meeting (Was it valuable and, if so, in what ways? How can the experience be improved?). This report should be sent to Professor Preest no later than one month after the meeting.