

Robert A. Klumb
Missouri River Natural Resources Committee (MRNRC)
2023 Student Travel Grant Award

Call for Applications

The Robert Klumb Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Rob Klumb, former Project Leader for the US Fish & Wildlife Service and Adjunct Associate Professor at South Dakota State University. The award provides financial assistance for deserving students to attend the annual MRNRC Missouri River Conference.

Rob Klumb was an exceptional colleague and friend whose life tragically ended on July 8, 2013 in Pickstown, South Dakota. A Wisconsin native, Rob received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1990 and his M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1997. Rob



joined the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell University in 1997 where he studied bioenergetics and near-shore habitat use by larval and juvenile alewife at the Cornell Biological Field Station, earning his Ph.D. in 2003. In 2002, Rob joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Pierre, South Dakota as a Fisheries Research Biologist and was promoted to Project Leader of the Great Plains Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in 2009.

Rob was a talented biologist who led a variety of research projects on fishes of the Missouri River. In addition to his Federal job duties, Rob also served as an Adjunct Associate Professor at South Dakota State University, where he played a fundamental role in coordinating federal research needs with student education.

Colorful, energetic, and always positive, Rob was inspirational to students and colleagues. He always took the time to avail himself to other people to help them in their professional and personal endeavors. As a mentor, he led by example, and his hands-on approach earned him a large and loyal group of colleagues. His legacy will live on in the example he set for students and future professionals.

*Rob's passion for science, politics and Milwaukee-made beer ran deep and wide. His inclusiveness and open-mindedness extended to both his work and his social life, and he will be remembered for the enthusiasm he exhibited in his approach to both. From the technicians that worked under his guidance to the students he mentored to the colleagues he left behind, his loss leaves a big void in the fisheries community. **The Robert A. Klumb student Travel Grant** was established in memory of Robert Klumb, a ardent supporter of Missouri River Natural Resources. The travel grant recognizes outstanding student contributions in fisheries science.*

Application Information

Eligibility:

Any college student in their junior year or higher or graduate student studying Missouri River Science or a related field at an accredited college or university in the Missouri River basin (MT, CO, ND, SD, NE, IA, KS, MO) is eligible to apply. Up to eight travel grant awards may be given out each year. Only one student from each basin state will be selected.

Application:

Must be submitted to the MRNRC Awards Chair, Zach Shattuck by 19-May-2023.

Applications will include:

An essay of 200 words or less, describing the student's interest in Missouri River science and their career goals, a resume, a letter of reference from a fisheries professional and a copy of the students college transcripts.

Selection:

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by delegates of the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee based upon an evaluation of the information submitted.

Award:

Scholarship(s) will be awarded to the successful candidate(s) by the Chair of the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee yearly at its annual conference. The dollar value and number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the delegates of the MRNRC. Student Travel Grant Award applications can be submitted electronically to: Zach Shattuck ZShattuck@mt.gov