

Tennessee Geographic Information Council 2018 Student Project Presentations

Purpose: Education is a central component of the Tennessee Geographic Information Council's (TNGIC) mission. The purpose of the TNGIC Student Project Presentations is to encourage and support students' education through the completion of commendable GIS projects.

TNGIC hopes to make numerous awards annually, available to any qualifying undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a college or university in the area served by TNGIC.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- The applicant must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled and in good standing at a college or university in the area served by TNGIC.
- The applicant must be enrolled Full-Time (Part-Time will be considered, but Full-Time applicants are preferred), or at a minimum must have completed at least 12 credit hours in consecutive semesters.
- Applicants may be from any academic discipline; however, the project undertaken must involve GIS.
- The applicant must submit a completed application.
- The applicant must be available to give a 20-30 minute presentation on his or her work at the TNGIC Conference, held April 25-26, 2018.
- TNGIC will be given permission to use the resulting project materials, copies of the materials, or make reference to the materials, to promote the student presentation program and to advance the mission of TNGIC. Actual ownership of resulting materials will remain with the applicant.

Preference will be given to projects based in the Tennessee area.

Deadlines and Evaluation: The deadline for submitting completed written applications is March 23, 2018. The TNGIC Student Presentation subcommittee will evaluate and score all written applications based on the information provided by the applicant and select the Student Presentation winners, who must present their research at the TNGIC Conference at Montgomery Bell State Park. **Finalists must give a 20-30 minute presentation outlining their project/work at the TNGIC Conference (April 25-26, 2018).** Presentations will be evaluated and scored by the Student Presentation subcommittee. The TNGIC Board of Directors will award three Student Presentation awards, based on the recommendations of the Student Presentation subcommittee. The Board reserves the right to withhold Student Presentation awards if requirements or eligibility are not met. Announcement of the Student Presentation award will be made at the closing session of the TNGIC GIS

Day Conference (the closing session is typically scheduled at the end of day two of the conference). Disbursement schedule is at the Board's discretion. **Three awards will be presented - \$250, \$150 and \$100 (a plaque will also accompany each award).**

Applications, as well as scoring criteria for both the written application and presentation, are available at the TNGIC website: <http://www.tngic.org/>

Student Presentation Application **Guidelines**

Please complete the **TNGIC Academic Student Presentation Program Application Form** and submit it along with a written application including the following:

1. Description of the project – limit of 3 pages.
 - A statement of the purpose of the project and its objectives. Include a statement pertaining to the originality of work or whether the research is part of a group project, research with professor, etc. If the project is part of a group effort or ongoing research, please state how your work contributed to the overall effort.
 - A description of the methods that will be or have been used to accomplish the objectives.
 - The significance of the project.
2. Personal Statement – limit to 1 page.
 - A statement of your plans as they relate to educational and career objectives and how those plans relate to GIS. Also attach a JPG image of yourself so we can feature your project (and yourself) in our next newsletter.
3. One letter of recommendation.
 - Must be from a teacher, faculty member, or administrator.
4. Proof of Enrollment.
 - Verification that you are enrolled at a Tennessee university and are enrolled in (or have taken GIS courses)

Applications can be submitted as scanned PDFs, Word documents or jpg files to: KristenJ@hamiltontn.gov.

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