

# COLLEGIATE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FUND

This is an opportunity for a college student to present his/her forensic science research project at a professional meeting in the presence of practicing forensic scientists and other forensic science students. MAFS hopes to encourage student member participation while giving MAFS members an opportunity to learn about research currently being done at the collegiate level.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- ◇ Participants must be MAFS student affiliate members at the time of application submission.
- ◇ Participants must be enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- ◇ Participants must be junior/senior year undergraduates, graduate or doctorate students.
- ◇ Research projects must be related to the forensic science field and should primarily involve development and/or improvement of evidence examination and/or comparison techniques.
- ◇ Participants must submit a completed application form with abstract by July 1, 2014.
- ◇ A poster presentation will be required at the fall meeting, however, preference will be given to those giving a paper (powerpoint) presentation.

One project will be selected to receive an award to fund attendance at the Fall MAFS meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota. Funding will include 2 nights lodging, 3 days per diem and registration to the MAFS Fall meeting. Applications must be submitted no later than July 1st and the student receiving the award will be announced no later than August 1st. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the MAFS Awards Committee Chair, Kimberly Zebrowski at 586-726-6709 or [ZebrowskiK@michigan.gov](mailto:ZebrowskiK@michigan.gov).

## Award Criteria

The Awards Committee will evaluate all submissions on the following criteria and select one winner prior to the Fall Meeting.

- ◇ Relevance and practicality to the field of forensics
- ◇ Feasibility of study
- ◇ Originality of project
- ◇ Implications for the field of forensics.

**Disclaimer:** In the event that submitted projects do not meet the required award criteria, the Awards Committee and the Board of Directors reserve the right not to offer an award.