



National HCP Coalition

The John Hopkins National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting Scholarship

The National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition (NHCP) proudly offers the John Hopkins National HCP Coalition Annual Meeting Scholarship. This scholarship provides financial support to individuals wishing to attend the NHCP Annual Meeting. By participating, recipients will enhance their understanding of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) through exposure to a variety of information related to the development, implementation, and renewal of these plans.

This scholarship aims to broaden access to HCP information and develop a nationwide network of Coalition members. This network is dedicated to championing the power and implementation of HCPs as transformative local solutions that drive economic development while preserving and recovering threatened and endangered species and their habitats.

Eligibility Criteria & Scholarship Requirements

- Applicants must be first-time attendees seeking more information about HCPs and/or the National HCP Coalition.
- Applicants must work for an entity that has received a planning assistant grant, begun to develop an HCP with USFWS/NMFS or implements an approved HCP.
- Applicants must not have additional financial support from their employer or other organizations to attend the conference.
- Provide a complete application with a brief summary of their interest in HCP and Coalition.
- No one organization, entity, or agency may receive a scholarship award for an employee in back-to-back years.
- If you are a previous annual meeting scholarship recipient, you may not apply for another scholarship.
- Must be in the US or its territories.
- The scholarship covers registration, travel, and lodging costs for the conference duration, with a maximum voucher amount of \$3,000.

Selection and Funding Process

- The award application will be assessed by a subcommittee that will recommend the top three candidates to the Board of Directors, who will then select the award recipient(s).
- The award funds will be reimbursed for travel after receiving the reimbursement form and receipts.

Eligible applicants can apply through the [online form](#).



This scholarship has been established in memory of John Hopkins, the founder of the National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition.

John fell in love with America's wild places, and his passion for nature led him to a career in conservation. He founded the Institute for Ecological Health (IEH), which significantly influenced conservation efforts through his visionary approach and unwavering dedication to addressing conservation issues on a landscape scale. Taking on challenges such as grazing, overdevelopment of sensitive habitats, and other environmental issues.

He organized both the California and National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalitions to enhance planners' abilities to protect endangered species while permitting urban development. John's philosophy of collaboration and patience was key to developing effective Habitat Conservation Plans, solidifying his influence on landscape-scale conservation. Known for his vision, humor, and commitment, John left a lasting legacy in the field of conservation, inspiring many with his dedication to preserving nature.

In his spirit, the NHCP annually provides a scholarship for individuals to attend the annual meeting and contribute to the growth of the Coalition.