The Jon A. Kusler Student Scholarship Award was created in 2020 to honor the legacy of the late Dr. Jon A. Kusler, Esq., one of the most influential thinkers of our time regarding wetland and floodplain science, policy, and law and the founder of The Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc. (dba National Association of Wetland Managers (NAWM)). Jon paved the way for wetland and floodplain protection around the world, challenging us to think beyond the norm – to find new and innovative ways to solve some of our most pressing environmental issues.

This competitive award funds all expenses* for one or more U.S.-based students to attend NAWM’s Annual State/Tribal/Federal Coordination (STFC) Meeting and is open to any student with a declared major in wetland (or other aquatic resource) science, policy, law, or a related field in either the undergraduate or graduate level.

Submission Requirements:

- Letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor. (Be sure to contact them before the semester ends.)

- One page letter answering the following questions:
  - What is your declared major?
  - Why did you choose your declared major?
  - What do you plan to do with your degree?
  - How will attending NAWM’s annual STFC Meeting help you advance your career?

- Only students living and studying in the U.S. are eligible. It is not available to students studying abroad and cannot be used to support international travel.

- Deadline for submission is **Monday, June 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. ET.** Notifications will be sent to all applicants no later than Monday, June 20th.

- Submissions should be sent as a Microsoft Word or PDF attachment, and should be emailed directly to Marla Stelk, Executive Director, at marla@nawm.org.

- If you have any questions, please contact Laura Burchill, Office Manager, at laura@nawm.org or by phone at 207-892-3399.

* All travel and lodging arrangements will be made by NAWM in coordination with the awardee(s). All expenses incurred directly by the student(s) must be preapproved by NAWM’s Executive Director and will be reimbursed by NAWM within 30 days of receiving a valid receipt(s).