# Become The Next Student Liaison

# **Qualifications**

- Must be/or willing to become a TWS Member at the State and Student chapter levels.
  - National and Section level membership is optional.
- Must be an enrolled student for the duration of appointment.
  - Preference given to upper-level undergraduate or graduate students.
  - Student is not eligible if they are on academic probation.

### **Job Duties**

- Advocate for North Dakota TWS Student Chapters and student membership.
- Attend quarterly board meetings; provide a student liaison report.
- Attend North Dakota Chapter of TWS Annual meeting; provide assistance as needed.
- Contact North Dakota TWS Student Chapter advisors and student officers with any relevant information, student opportunities, and board meeting discussions.
- Take on other action items as needed or assigned by the board.

### **Benefits**

- Experience serving in a board position on a professional society; great resume builder.
- Learn about the inner workings of a professional organization.
- Interact with professionals already established in the wildlife field.
- Brings a student voice to the North Dakota Chapter of TWS.

## Quotable

"Probably the best advice I received in my university studies was from my PhD major professor at Colorado State University, Dale Hein, who noted, 'You will become obsolete in your discipline within six months of graduating unless you become involved with your professional organization.' Those words of wisdom have remained with me to this day, and I immediately joined my professional organization, The Wildlife Society, and have been active with them for over 30 years. Remember that in order to make a difference in the wildlife field or any other endeavor, joining an organization is just the first step, since you then have to attend meetings, take on a duty or volunteer for an activity, and eventually move on to a leadership position. And do not be shy about bringing your ideas forward in a public setting. Encourage your classmates, friends, relatives and family members to take an active role in the future of our world. Who could possibly not be interested in joining YOU as an advocate for societal change and action, and the rewards for 'making a difference' are everlasting...."

-TWS Past President, Rick Baydack

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