

**North Central Regional Center for Rural Development  
Graduate Student Travel Grants  
to the  
MCRSA Conference in Bloomington, MN – June 3-5, 2020**

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) at Michigan State University is partnering with the MCRSA to strengthen research capacity in the North Central Region. We're doing so by offering a limited number of MCRSA conference travel grants to graduate students from NCRCRD member institutions. Students can request up to **\$500** to pay eligible travel-related expenses.

**Only M.S. and Ph.D. graduate students from NCRCRD-member institutions are eligible for these awards.** Please see the accompanying list of eligible colleges and universities. **Only students pre-approved by MCRSA can request reimbursement.**

The types of expenses covered include airfare, car mileage, lodging, conference registration, highway tolls, and a per diem for food. Reimbursement checks will be distributed at the breakfast meeting the second day of the conference following demonstrated full conference participation.

Only students who intend to present a completed conference paper will be considered. Students who can demonstrate they have access to no alternative sources of financial support will be given priority. Students who can demonstrate effective and efficient use of the funding received through cost-sharing expenses or leveraging resources will be given priority.

Students who enter the M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition or who submit a regular paper proposal by the April 1, 2020 deadline are eligible to apply. Notification of conference paper acceptance will be made by April 5, 2020. Applications for travel assistance must be submitted by April 10, 2020. Notification of travel awards will be made by April 15, 2020.

To apply, prepare a one-page request that includes (1) complete contact information including your academic affiliation and area of study specialization; (2) the name, phone and e-mail of your advisor; (3) the title of the completed manuscript you intend to present; (4) an estimate of your total travel-related costs; and (5) a statement indicating why you should be given priority. Submit your request electronically to John Leatherman at [jleather@ksu.edu](mailto:jleather@ksu.edu).

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