

**Graduate Student Travel Awards to the  
41<sup>st</sup> North American Alfalfa Improvement Conference  
Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport  
June 1-4, 2008**

The NAAIC has established a travel grant program for graduate students who will be making oral or poster presentations at the 41<sup>st</sup> NAAIC meeting. These grants are funded through the Sustaining Membership Fund of the NAAIC, which consists of donations made from organizations supporting alfalfa improvement and utilization. Sustaining member donors for the 40<sup>th</sup> NAAIC in St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN were: Cal/West Seeds, Celpril, Dairyland Seed Co. Inc., FFR Cooperative, Forage Genetics Int'l, Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, W-L Research, Inc., Becker Underwood, and Monsanto Company.

Current plans are that a maximum of six (6) travel grants of at least \$300 each will be available to qualified individuals. Application requirements are outlined below.

**Application Requirements for Graduate Student Travel Award to the 41st NAAIC**

- 1) Name, address, phone number, and email address of student.
- 2) A brief biography of student
- 3) Name, address, phone number, and email address of advisor and major professor.
- 4) Title and 100-word summary of paper or poster to be presented.
- 5) For advisor/major professor: briefly provide justification for a travel grant award to the NAAIC meeting. Include significant research, speaking, academic, and personal experiences relevant for consideration of this award.

The NAAIC Finance Committee will review applications. Criteria for evaluation will primarily include the originality and relevance of the research presentation to alfalfa improvement.

Students from outside North America are encouraged to apply. **Preference will be given to students who have not received a grant for a previous NAAIC meeting while pursuing the same degree.** Prior award winners will only be eligible if they are pursuing a different degree than when they received the first award.

Submit application form by **March 21, 2008.**

The application will preferably be submitted electronically to: [David.J.Miller@pioneer.com](mailto:David.J.Miller@pioneer.com)

Alternatively, the application may be mailed to:

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Pioneer Hi-Bred International  
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If receipt of application is not promptly acknowledged, please inquire. Applicants will be notified approximately 6 weeks prior to the meeting regarding the status of the awards. The awards will be presented at the meeting.