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AAFV Scholarship Report, 2019

Dear American Association of Fish Veterinarians,

My lifelong dream is to become an aquatic veterinarian and thanks to generous educational scholarships like yours, I have been able to continue my extra-curricular education on aquatic animals while in veterinary school to meet this goal.

The scholarship awarded to me in June, 2019 paid for a portion of my attendance to AQUAVET® II in 2019. AQUAVET® II is an extension of the AQUAVET® I course held yearly in Bristol, RI. The course I attended delves deeper into the pathology and histopathology of aquatic animals to give a greater understanding of disease processes commonly affecting these animals. The course was not only educational and important for my understanding of pathophysiology of disease, it was also instrumental in my ability to gain CertAqV credentialing (application pending graduation in May 2020). In addition, I made contacts and friends from all over the country and all over the world.

I would like to personally thank you for your organization's generosity and for placing importance on educational opportunities such as this. I have attached a picture taken on our last night in RI and I am pointed out by an arrow.

With sincere gratitude,
Chelsea Hester

