Objectives
1. Acknowledge the research accomplishments of current and/or recent Ph.D. and M.S. students in the Western Section of ASAS.
2. Generate more member participation by showcasing exceptional and contemporary research of future scientists

Award
Two M.S. students and 1 PhD student will be recognized through this program. Each recipient will receive a plaque, complementary meeting registration, waived page charges for WSASAS Proceedings paper and a $350.00 monetary award.

Eligibility for Nomination
1. A nominee must be a member of WSASAS.
2. Students in their final year or within 12 months of having completed their Masters or Doctorate program are eligible.
3. Nominations may be submitted by active members in good standing of the American Society of Animal Science. All nominations must be submitted through the WSASAS Website at https://www.asas.org/membership-services/asas-sections/western-section/ysrp

Required application materials:
1. CV of the nominee
2. An abstract discussing research from Masters or PhD work. Once selected, the recipient must submit their proceedings. Only the recipient (s) of this recognition program will have their proceedings incorporated into the WSASAS Program.
3. Two letters of support (one must be within the nominees department). Letters should be relevant to your qualifications for this award.
4. Personal statement from nominee that includes a description your background, goals, objectives, and why you feel you are qualified for this award. The personal statement is limited to one page (single spaced; Times New Roman 12 font; 1 inch margins.
5. A citation from the nominator suitable for printing in the WSASAS Awards Program and Journal of Animal Science and to be used to introduce the scholar at WSASAS annual meeting (limit 1500 characters).

Important Information for Nominee
1. Receiving the YSRP award does NOT preclude the student from participating in the Graduate Student Paper Competition at the WSASAS annual meeting.
2. Recipients are required to attend the WSASAS annual meeting and present a 30-minute invited talk discussing their thesis or dissertation research. Recipients should include time for questions in the 30-minute allotted time.
3. All Young Scholars are required to submit an abstract (through the nomination process) however, only YSRP winners need to provide a proceedings paper after selected.
4. Proceedings paper will follow the guidelines as published by WSASAS and there will be no page fee for the recipients.