



Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists Sacramento Section Scholarship and Student Speaker Award Application Instructions 2010

The Sacramento Section of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) offers two scholarships and one student speaker award each year to promote the study of geology, environmental geology, engineering geology, or related earth science disciplines. The scholarships include one \$1,000 undergraduate award and one \$1,250 graduate award. The selected recipient of the student speaker award will present their undergraduate or graduate thesis research at the annual Student Night meeting and be awarded \$250. The student speaker award is meant to provide students an opportunity to present their research to the professional environmental and engineering geology community, and to further develop their public speaking skills.

The scholarships and student speaker award are intended to be used for tuition/fees required for enrollment at the educational institution, fall/summer field course fees, and/or research project costs (e.g., field supplies, radiocarbon dating, laboratory testing, etc.).

The recipients of the 2010 scholarships and student speaker award will be listed with other past recipients on the AEG Sacramento Section website. Application materials will remain confidential.

Eligibility

All applicants must be currently enrolled in one of the accredited four-year colleges or universities located within the Sacramento Section boundaries listed below:

CSU Chico
CSU Fresno
CSU Sacramento
CSU Stanislaus

UC Davis
UC Merced
University of the Pacific

- Undergraduate scholarship applicants must be in their junior or senior year and have a declared major in geology or a related earth science discipline.
- Graduate scholarship applicants must be a first or second year graduate student pursuing a Masters degree with an environmental or engineering geology emphasis, such as hydrogeology, earthquake and geologic hazards, etc.
- Student speaker award applicants must be a senior year undergraduate student or second year graduate student pursuing a Masters degree, and have a declared major in geology, environmental or engineering geology, or a related earth science discipline.

Scholarship applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Student membership in AEG and attendance at Sacramento Section and/or local chapter meetings is encouraged, but is not required.

Evaluation

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of Sacramento Section members comprised of practicing professional geologists. Scholarship applicants will be evaluated and rated based on academic performance, letters of recommendation, extra curricular activities, and essay. Student speaker applicants will be evaluated based on the technical abstract.

How to Apply

Scholarships

Submit a completed scholarship application form by mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson with the following additional materials:

- Official transcripts (original or photocopy) or unofficial transcripts printed from your university website. Applicants for the graduate scholarship must include both undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
- An essay describing yourself and your educational and professional goals in the geosciences. Graduate scholarship applicants should discuss their goals specific to environmental or engineering geology. The essay should be no more than two pages long (12 point Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, and one-inch margins).
- At least one letter of recommendation. The letter(s) can be from a geology professor or a supervisor if you currently work or have worked for a geologic consulting firm or agency. The letter(s) should be mailed or emailed directly from your reference to the Scholarship Chairperson. All letters will remain confidential.

The scholarship application deadline is April 6, 2010. All materials must be received or postmarked by this date. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the Sacramento Section Student Night meeting on April 27, 2010. Attendance at the meeting is not mandatory. For students unable to attend the meeting, the scholarship recipients will be announced in an email to all applicants within five days after the meeting.

Student Speaker Award

Submit a completed student speaker award application form by mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. The application should include a maximum 500 word abstract summarizing the applicant's undergraduate or graduate thesis research. The research does not necessarily need to be completed, but should be far enough along to discuss preliminary findings and conclusions.

Each applicant must have an academic sponsor who reviews the abstract prior to submittal, and agrees to review the oral presentation with PowerPoint slides should the student be selected for the student speaker award.

The student speaker award application deadline is March 23, 2010. All materials must be received or postmarked by this date. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The selected recipient of the student speaker award will be notified by April 6, 2010, and will have 3 weeks to prepare and rehearse an oral presentation. The presentation should be approximately 25 minutes in length, and must be in a Microsoft PowerPoint format.

Additional Information

Should the Scholarship Committee fail to identify a suitable applicant(s), the Committee reserves the right to not award one or more of the scholarships and student speaker award. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final.

Please contact Drew Kennedy, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at dkennedy@SAGEengineers.com or (916) 729-8050 with any questions.