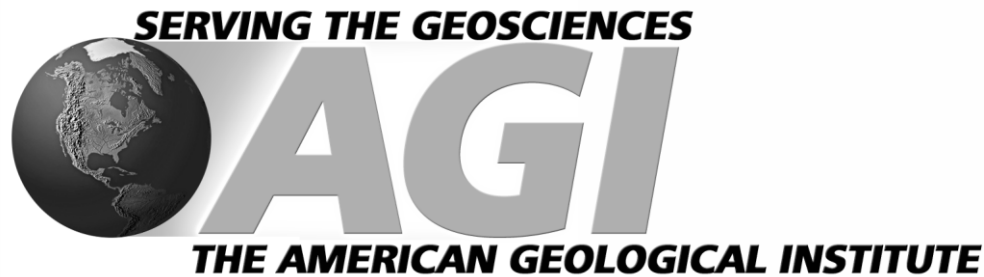


The American Geological Institute's Minority Participation Program

Geoscience Student Scholarships



Application Instructions:

1. **Print a copy** of this application BEFORE you start to fill out the online form.
2. **Gather the necessary information** for your application.
3. Return to the Web site www.agiweb.org/mpp and **enter your application materials using the online form.** Once you begin, you will need to complete the entire application in order to submit it. Complete the online application by March 13, 2009.
4. **Mail an official copy of your transcripts and your letters of recommendation** separately. These materials should be sent by standard mail and must be postmarked by March 13, 2009. Please send them to:

AGI Minority Participation Program
4220 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

AGI MINORITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM GEOSCIENCE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM

Since 1972, the American Geological Institute has administered the Minority Participation Program Geoscience Student Scholarships. The goal for this program is to develop the professional corps of underrepresented ethnic-minority students in the geosciences. Recipients of AGI Geoscience Student Scholarships are provided with small financial awards and matched with a mentor from the geoscience community to foster whole professional development of the awardee. Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, each award will consist of both scholarship support as well as support for professional development experiences for successful candidates. Professional development experiences that qualify include field camp, professional society memberships, and/or travel and registration to a professional meeting of one of AGI's member societies.

If you are enrolled in an earth science education or geoscience degree program and would like to apply for a scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year, please review the qualifications and procedures outlined here. The online application must be completed by March 13, 2009, and all supporting application materials should be sent by standard mail and must be postmarked by March 13, 2009. Late applications will not be accepted.

QUALIFICATIONS - UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- A. United States citizens only. Permanent residents (green card) or applicants for U.S citizenship are not eligible.
- B. Verifiable ethnic-minority status as Black, Hispanic, or Native American (American Indian, Eskimo, Hawaiian, or Samoan).
- C. Financial support is for full-time students only, who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution as an undergraduate student with a primary major (i.e., degree candidate) in geoscience, including the geoscience subdisciplines of geology, geophysics, geochemistry, hydrology, physical oceanography, planetary geology, or earth-science education. This program does not support students in any other areas of study.
- D. The program is available only to students currently enrolled in college geoscience programs (i.e., high school students applying to college for the 2009-2010 academic year are not eligible).

QUALIFICATIONS - GRADUATE STUDENTS

- A. United States citizens only. Permanent residents (green card) or applicants for U.S citizenship are not eligible.
- B. Verifiable ethnic-minority status as Black, Hispanic, or Native American (American Indian, Eskimo, Hawaiian, or Samoan).
- C. Financial support is for full time students only, who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution as a graduate student majoring (i.e., degree candidate) in geoscience, including the geoscience subdisciplines of geology, geophysics, geochemistry, hydrology, physical oceanography, planetary geology, or earth-science education. This program does not support students in any other area of study.
- D. The program is currently open to all qualified applicants.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- A. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be completed online at www.agiweb.org/mpp/application.html .

The following application materials must be postmarked by March 13, 2009 in order to be considered:

- fully completed application form;
- official transcripts for all colleges attended (SAT, ACT, and/or GRE scores are requested);
- three (3) letters of recommendation from persons qualified to judge the applicant's recent academic performance and character: geoscience faculty/employers are preferred, other science/mathematics faculty are acceptable.

B. Current recipients of AGI Minority Geoscience Scholarships must re-apply for renewal of a scholarship. Renewal applications should include completed application, transcripts for their current academic institution, and three (3) letters of recommendation including at least one not included in the previous application. The "statement of purpose" (online application, pg.6) should be used to describe current academic progress and plans. NOTE: Scholarships are not automatically renewed.

C. All letters of recommendation should be sent directly to AGI Minority Participation Program/4220 King Street/Alexandria, VA 22302.

D. It is the applicant's responsibility to be sure that all application materials are submitted.

College Test Scores: ACT _____ SAT _____
GRE _____

Thesis Topic(s): _____

College Honors or Awards: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Letters of Recommendation have been requested from:

Name	Mailing Address
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

4. WORK EXPERIENCE

(List most recent first. Include volunteer work)

Employer _____

Duties _____ Hours/Week _____ Dates of Employment _____

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5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

How would you use the professional development stipend provided by this award? Please indicate in the fields below.

(If successful, you will be required to provide verification of your enrollment and attendance at these programs.)

Field Camp? Yes/No

Program _____ Dates _____ Tuition _____

Location _____ Travel Costs: _____

Professional Society Membership? Yes/No (New memberships only, no renewals)

Please refer to www.agiweb.org/members for a list of acceptable professional societies.

Society _____ Membership Dues _____

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Professional Society Meeting? Yes/No

Meeting _____ Dates _____ Registration cost _____

Location _____ Do you expect to present independent research at this meeting? _____

6. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In 250 words or less, please state your career goals and tell us how your professional development experience will help you reach these goals. If you will be attending a meeting, please discuss the impacts the meeting will have on your academic career, and describe any research you plan to present.

7. AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that I am a Black, Native American, or Hispanic United States Citizen. I certify that this application contains no misrepresentations or falsification, and that the information given by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements made herein will void this application and I will be ineligible for financial support from the American Geological Institute.

* Eligible Native Americans include American Indian, Eskimo, Hawaiian, and Samoan.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____