



Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists

H. Ray Taber AEG Founders Scholarship

AEG Sacramento Chapter Application Instructions

The Sacramento Chapter of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) is offering two H. Ray Taber AEG Founders Scholarship awards this year: one \$1,000 undergraduate award and one \$1,500 graduate award to promote the study of geology, environmental geology, engineering geology, or related earth science disciplines.

The scholarship recipients will be listed with other past recipients on the AEG Sacramento Chapter website. Application materials will remain confidential.

Eligibility

All applicants must be currently enrolled in one of the following accredited four-year universities located within the Sacramento region:

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 master's degree with an environmental or engineering geology emphasis, such as hydrogeology, earthquake and geologic hazards, etc.

Scholarship applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and will be scored based on their grade point average within their study major.

Membership in AEG is strongly encouraged, and Student Membership is free. Benefits include:

- Eligibility for other AEG scholarships available through the AEG Foundation;
- Free online access to *Environmental & Engineering Geoscience* and *AEG News*;
- Discounted registration fees for attending AEG's Annual Meeting; and
- Networking opportunities to potentially meet YOUR future employer!

To become a member of AEG, visit aegweb.org and select the *Join AEG* link.

Evaluation

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of Sacramento Chapter members comprised of professionals from both the private and public sector. Committee members include:

Meredith Beswick, *Kleinfelder*
Matt Buche, *Gannett Fleming, Inc.*
Lauren Hinch, *Partner Engineering & Science, Inc.*
Pete Holland, *California Geological Survey*
Tim McCrink, *California Geological Survey*
John Murphy, *Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board*
Holly Nichols, *California Department of Water Resources*
Chase White, *California Geological Survey*

Applicants will be evaluated and rated based on:

Evaluation Criteria	Score Weight
Academic performance*	20%
Extracurricular activities**	20%
Essay	35%
Letter(s) of recommendation	25%

* While eligibility is based on cumulative GPA, applications will be evaluated based on declared major GPA

** Includes Student Membership in AEG

How to Apply

Submit a completed scholarship application form 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/professional goals in the geosciences. Graduate scholarship applicants should discuss their goals specific to environmental or engineering geology. The essay is often the deciding factor in the scholarship selection. Essays are scored based on how well the applicant addresses the requested topic, organizes the essay content, and uses proper sentence structure/grammar. Be concise, provide specific examples, and proofread! 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 private consulting firm or public agency. The letter(s) should be emailed directly from your reference to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at mbuche@gfnet.com. All letters will remain confidential.

A digital signature on the interactive PDF application form is acceptable.

The scholarship application deadline is 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

All materials must be received by this deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Submittal via email is preferred. Please do not send email attachments with file sizes exceeding 10MB. If necessary, send multiple email messages with smaller attachments.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the Student Night virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. 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 after the meeting.

Please contact Matt Buche, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at mbuche@gfnet.com or (916) 677-4779 with any questions.