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2025-2026 SME Scholarships Now Available for Students

Undergraduate and graduate student members encouraged to apply for comprehensive array of mining-related financial aid opportunities



Ryanna Louise Hines of the University of Kentucky accepting the J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship at the MINEXCHANGE 2025 SME Annual Conference & EXPO

Denver, CO - The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), its divisions and affiliates are once again offering scholarships to SME student members seeking a career in the mining and minerals industries. An application window for the 2025-2026 SME scholarship season is currently open through October 15, 2025.

Last year, \$761,826 in scholarships was awarded by SME Divisions (including WAAIME and UCA), and the SME Foundation. This figure represents nearly half of the approximately \$1.6M in total financial aid given out in 2024 when including SME's PhD Fellowship and Academic Career Development Grant programs.

"Our scholarship program remains one of our most important objectives on the critical front of workforce development," said David L. Kanagy, SME Executive Director and CEO. "SME is thrilled to be in a strong position where providing a large amount of financial aid to our accomplished student members is possible year-over-year."

For information regarding open scholarships and associated guidelines, visit smenet.org/scholarships.

For more information regarding the many benefits of SME membership and how to join, visit refresh25.smenet.org.

About SME

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) brings together the mining and mineral industry's brightest and most dedicated professionals. Over 14,000 global members advance their careers with the world-class technical resources, educational programs, networking opportunities and professional development tools from SME. Our members are focused on sharing best practices for safety, environmental stewardship and moving mining forward. SME. *Inspiring mining professionals worldwide.*