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2026-2027 SME Scholarships Now Available

Multitude of Scholarships Available for Undergraduate and Graduate Students Pursuing Careers in the Mining Industry



A group of SME scholarship recipients and their mentors at the MINEXCHANGE 2026 Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division Lunch

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 2026-2027 SME scholarship season is currently open through October 15, 2026.

Each year, SME and the SME Foundation award approximately \$1.6 million in scholarships to qualified SME student members, with opportunities available for both undergraduate students and graduate students. Students who demonstrate academic success and a desire to pursue a career in the minerals industry should apply.

“Reinforcing the talent pipeline in the industry with young innovators remains core to our mission, especially in the current age where mining continues to gain recognition as being a primary source of technological advancement and sustainable practices,” said Melissa Russell, SME Executive Director and CEO. “We are honored to have a longstanding role in this and look forward to awarding this key funding to outstanding individuals who will meet the massive mineral demands of the present and future.”

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 smenet.org/promotions/join-sme-now.

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.*