

OVERVIEW

The Coal & Energy Division of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration annually awards scholarships to promising college students who have chosen as a career path the field of mining engineering with an emphasis on coal. Scholarships are funded by the Coal & Energy Division, the Howard N. Eavenson Fund, and AIME, as indicated below. There is no limit on the number of applicants that may come from one school or university.

The John Sidney Marshall Memorial Scholarship, funded by AIME, is administered by the Coal & Energy Division and awarded annually to one or more undergraduate mining engineering students planning to pursue careers in the coal mining industry.

The Christopher Bise Memorial Scholarship, funded by the Coal & Energy Division, will be awarded annually to the top applicant from PSU, VT, or WWU.

Eligible students may submit one application in consideration for both the Coal & Energy Division Scholarship and the John Sidney Marshall Memorial Scholarship. No C&E applicant will be awarded two scholarships within the SME scholarship programs in a given year. Scholarship scoring guidelines will determine the most appropriate named scholarship for the applicant.

TIMELINE

The Coal & Energy Division scholarships adhere to the following timeline:

Date	Task
September 1 - October 15	Applications accepted
October 1	Application initiation deadline – (Note: All applications should be initiated by this date to allow plenty of time for receipt of letters of recommendation prior to the October 15 deadline.)
October 15	Application deadline
December 1	Selection deadline
December 2	Applicant notification
December 15	Check(s) mailed
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Recipient(s) are recognized at the Coal & Energy Division Luncheon and in <i>Mining Engineering</i> magazine

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

Scholarships awarded from the C&E Division must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrolled as an undergraduate student in a mining engineering program (general engineering is acceptable with explanation in reference letter) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.
2. Be a SME student member in good standing.
3. Attend a mining engineering program that is [ABET](#) accredited.
4. Attend a school that has an [SME student chapter](#).
5. Demonstrate a desire for and a probability of success in a career in coal mining.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

C&E Division Scholarship applications must be submitted online via SME's scholarship portal smenet.org/students/grants-scholarships. The online application requires the following information:

1. Demographic and contact information.
2. Short statement (one page) describing applicant's interest in/passion for a career in coal mining, coal processing, or other mining-related energy sources.
3. Two references, one from full-time university mining faculty and one from an appropriate industry professional.
4. Résumé detailing past education and work experience.
5. Copy of most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are ok).
6. Anticipated expenses/income for the current academic year.



COAL & ENERGY DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP AND JOHN SIDNEY MARSHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Guidelines & Procedures

RECIPIENT SELECTION	Selection of scholarship recipients is at the discretion of SME's Coal & Energy Division Scholarship Committee.
AWARD	The amounts and numbers of awards given annually are determined by the Coal & Energy Division Scholarship Committee.
QUESTIONS	Questions may be directed to: SME Scholarship Coordinator at scholarships@smenet.org or SME Member Services Department 303-948-4200
REFERENCES	SME Scholarship Application: smenet.org/students/grants-scholarships SME Student Chapter List: smenet.org/students/student-chapters/find-student-chapters ABET: abet.org