



**OVERVIEW**

The Henry DeWitt Smith Graduate Scholarship (Smith Scholarship) was established in 1967 to assist worthy students in the pursuit of their graduate education in the mining, metallurgical, materials, or petroleum departments of leading universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. In view of Henry DeWitt Smith's contributions to the mining industry, emphasis will be placed on awards to students focusing on the operation of mines.

Henry DeWitt Smith was a graduate of Yale University. He held various engineering and management positions at several of the important mining organizations, including J.E. Spurr, Kennecott, United Verde Copper Company, Newmont, O'Okiep Copper Company, Tsumeb Corporation, Phelps Dodge, and St. Joseph Lead Company. He was also an engineer in the industrial department of the New York Trust Company. During World War II, he served as Executive VP of the Metals Reserve Company. In 1955, he served as President of AIME and received its Charles F. Rand award in 1956.

**TIMELINE**

The Smith Scholarship adheres 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 Mining & Exploration Division Luncheon

**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS**

All Smith Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
2. Be a SME student member in good standing.
3. Attend a school that is [ABET](#) accredited and/or has an [SME student chapter](#).
4. Demonstrate a desire for and a probability of success in a career in the mining industry.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Smith Scholarship applications must be submitted online via SME's scholarship portal [smenet.org/students/grants-scholarships](http://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 the mining industry.
3. Two letters of reference, at least one of which must be from university faculty.
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.

**RECIPIENT SELECTION**

Selection of scholarship recipients is at the discretion of SME's Mining & Exploration Division Scholarship Committee.

**AWARD**

The Smith Scholarship consists of one or more graduate scholarship(s) offered annually. Number and amount of awards varies from year to year. Each year's allocation is determined by the Mining & Exploration Division's Scholarship Committee upon receipt of a recommended guideline from the AIME Board of Trustees. Recipients of the Smith Scholarship shall receive, in addition to a check, a certificate and a brochure that sets forth the relationship of Henry DeWitt Smith to the mining industry (the latter two items to be presented by the department head at a suitable function with peer recognition).

**QUESTIONS**

Questions may be directed to:

SME Scholarship Coordinator at [scholarships@smenet.org](mailto:scholarships@smenet.org) or  
SME Member Services Department 303-948-4200