

UCA Young Member Scholarship for NAT Attendance

Guidelines and Procedures

Overview	<p>The North American Tunneling Conference is the premier biennial tunneling event for North America featuring a technical program focused on current tunneling projects, challenges and successes.</p> <p>UCA of SME Young Members (UCAYM) Scholarship for NAT Attendance provides selected students with an opportunity to attend the NAT Conference where they can experience first-hand the challenges, opportunities and rewards of a career in the field of tunneling and underground construction.</p> <p>The goals of the UCAYM Scholarship for NAT Attendance are to increase exposure of available career opportunities in the underground industry and provide educational and networking opportunities to future underground industry professionals.</p>								
Scholarship	<p>Scholarship recipients will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A one-year student membership to UCA of SME• Conference Registration with access to the technical sessions and exhibit hall• Invitation to the UCA Young Member Networking Event and the Scholarship Orientation• Conference Proceedings• \$1,000 travel assistance to the conference to cover airfare, hotel, ground transportation, and meals								
Timeline	<p>The Attendance Scholarship adheres to the following Timeline:</p> <table><tr><td>January 2</td><td>Begin accepting applications</td></tr><tr><td>April 1</td><td>Application deadline</td></tr><tr><td>May 16</td><td>Applicant notification deadline</td></tr><tr><td>June 7-10</td><td>North American Tunneling Conference</td></tr></table>	January 2	Begin accepting applications	April 1	Application deadline	May 16	Applicant notification deadline	June 7-10	North American Tunneling Conference
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Applicant Qualifications	<p>All UCA Young Member Scholarship Attendance applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate students or undergraduate having completed at least two years of undergraduate studies with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5• Attend a school that is ABET-accredited• Pursuing a BS, MS, or PhD degree in Tunneling, Civil, Geological, Mining, or Mechanical Engineering• Demonstrate a desire for and a probability of success in a career in underground construction/tunneling								
Application Requirements	<p>Applications must be submitted online and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online application• Resume detailing past education and work experience• Copy of most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)								

Recipient
Selection

The UCA Young Member Scholarship for Attendance is administered by the Underground Construction Association (UCA), in conjunction with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME). The scholarship will be awarded based on an evaluation by Committee and approved the by the Executive Committee of UCA of SME. (NOTE: that due to UCA of SME's focus, preference will be given to students enrolled in U.S.universities.)

Questions

Questions regarding the Attendance Scholarship may be directed to:
scholarships@smenet.org or 303-948-4200