



Stewart R. Wallace Memorial Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures

Overview

The Stewart R. Wallace Memorial Scholarship (Wallace Scholarship) was founded in 2011 through a generous contribution from the estate of Stewart R. Wallace. Wallace was a renowned exploration geologist whose discoveries included the Henderson Molybdenum Mine and the Cereso Ridge molybdenum deposit at the Climax Mine, both in Colorado. He was known for his ability to work closely with mine engineers and mine management and was particularly successful in the application of geology to mining and exploration. Wallace was a Distinguished Member of SME and received the prestigious Daniel C. Jackling award in 1974.

The Wallace Scholarship is awarded annually to a master's degree candidate in geology or geological science who plans to pursue a career in the field of exploration geology. A desire for and probability of success in a career in exploration geology will be important factors in the selection of the successful candidate(s).

Timeline

The Wallace 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 30	Application deadline
December 1	Selection deadline
December 15	Applicant notification deadline
January 15	Check(s) mailed to recipient(s)
SME Annual Meeting	Recipient(s) recognized at M&E Division Luncheon

Applicant Qualifications

Wallace Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed an undergraduate degree in geology or mining engineering with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
2. Be an 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 exploration geology.

Application Requirements

Wallace Scholarship applications must be submitted online via SME's Scholarship portal. 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 exploration geology.
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 the Wallace Scholarship Committee, a committee housed in the Mining & Exploration Division and consisting of members of the Mining & Exploration and Industrial Minerals & Aggregates Divisions. The Wallace Scholarship recipient cannot receive another SME scholarship in the same year as being awarded the Wallace Scholarship. In addition, a recipient can be awarded the Wallace Scholarship only once.
Award	The amount of the Wallace Scholarship is determined annually. In addition to the scholarship check, the recipient will also receive an engraved exploration rock pick. The Wallace Scholarship recipient is required to attend the SME Annual Meeting, where he or she will be recognized. The recipient will be reimbursed for his/her reasonable travel expenses.
Questions	Questions may be directed to scholarships@smenet.org or 303-948-4200.
