



ACDADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Provided by RETC Executive Committee
Guidelines and Procedures

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NORTH AMERICAN
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<p>OVERVIEW</p>	<p>The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration annually awards one or more scholarships to promising college students who desire to develop their skills in the tunneling industry. The total amount of the award (approximately \$5,000) is apportioned to one or more students at the discretion of the RETC Executive Committee.</p>												
<p>CRITERIA</p>	<p>Candidates for the Academic Scholarship must be of good character, must have demonstrated scholastic aptitude, and must show a proven need for financial assistance. Candidates must be enrolled in a regular course of study leading to a degree (either undergraduate or graduate) in civil engineering, geological engineering, mining engineering, mechanical engineering, process engineering, geology, construction management, or project management. A "B" average is required.</p> <p>Applicants must be fully matriculated at a North American school recognized by the RETC Executive Committee. Sophomore or higher standing is required. In addition, students must be a U.S., Canadian, or other NAFTA country citizen. A desire for and probability of success in a career in the underground engineering and construction industry will be important factors in selection of the successful candidate.</p> <p>Before awards are authorized, candidates or personal references may be interviewed by one or more of the RETC Scholarship Committee members to determine the nominee's desire for a career in the tunneling industry and his/ her likelihood for success. Recipients of the Academic Scholarship are required to attend the NAT Conference, the costs of which shall be covered by an Attendance Award.</p>												
<p>HOW TO APPLY</p>	<p>The Attendance Scholarship is administered by the RETC Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration, Inc. (SME). Applications must be submitted via SME's online scholarship application portal.</p> <p>Applicants will need to follow the directions provided within that online portal to create their accounts and then may proceed to submit their applications. The application consists of demographic and contact information, school and university information, work history, and a brief essay describing the applicant's interest in pursuing a career in the underground/tunneling industry. A personal reference from a faculty advisor or underground industry professional is required.</p>												
<p>TIMELINE</p>	<p>The Academic Scholarship adheres to the following timeline</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="570 1591 1479 1885"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Task</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January 2</td> <td>Launch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 15</td> <td>Application deadline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 15</td> <td>Selection deadline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 20</td> <td>Applicant notification deadline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June</td> <td>RETC or NAT Conference</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Task	January 2	Launch	April 15	Application deadline	May 15	Selection deadline	May 20	Applicant notification deadline	June	RETC or NAT Conference
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<p>QUESTIONS</p>	<p>Questions may be directed to: scholarships@smenet.org or Customer Service: 303-948-4200</p>												