



# NAT CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Provided by UCA and RETC

Guidelines and Procedures

**NAT2024**  
NORTH AMERICAN  
TUNNELING CONFERENCE

<p><b>OVERVIEW</b></p>	<p>NAT Conference participating scholarships are for the biennial international conferences. The conferences are dedicated to the exchange of new developments in the technology of underground rapid excavation and tunneling on a global scale.</p> <p>Participating scholarships are provided by RETC and UCA to selected students with an opportunity to attend the 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 scholarships are to increase exposure of available career opportunities in the underground industry and provide educational and networking opportunities to future underground industry professionals.</p>												
<p><b>SCHOLARSHIP</b></p>	<p>Scholarship recipients will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one-year student membership to UCA</li> <li>• Conference Registration with access to the technical sessions and exhibit hall</li> <li>• Invitation to the UCA Young Member Networking Event and the Scholarship Orientation</li> <li>• Conference Proceedings</li> <li>• Up to \$1,000 will be reimbursed for travel to the conference, hotel, ground transportation and meals.</li> </ul>												
<p><b>TIMELINE</b></p>	<p>The Attendance Scholarship adheres to the following timeline:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="570 1115 1477 1409"> <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><b>APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS</b></p>	<p>All applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5</li> <li>• Pursuing a BS, MS, or Ph.D. degree in Tunneling, Civil, Geological, Mining, or Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Demonstrate a desire for and a probability of success in a career in underground construction/ tunneling</li> </ul>												
<p><b>RECIPIENT SELECTION</b></p>	<p>The Conference Attendance Scholarship is administered by the Underground Construction Association (UCA) and Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Committee (RETC), in conjunction with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy &amp; Exploration Inc. (SME). The scholarship will be awarded based on an evaluation by the committee and approved by the UCA and RETC Executive Committee. (NOTE: preference will be given to students enrolled in U.S. universities.)</p>												
<p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p>	<p>Questions may be directed to:  <a href="mailto:scholarships@smenet.org">scholarships@smenet.org</a> or            Customer Service: 303-948-4200</p>												