



UCA YOUNG MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

To North American Tunneling or Rapid Excavation & Tunneling Guidelines and Procedures

OVERVIEW

The UCA Young Member Scholarships are for the biennial international conferences – Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference (RETC) and North American Tunneling Conference (NAT). The conferences are dedicated to the exchange of new developments in the technology of underground rapid excavation and tunneling on a global scale.

Attendance scholarships provide selected students with an opportunity to attend the RETC or NAT where they can experience first-hand the challenges, opportunities and rewards of a career in the field of tunneling and underground construction.

The goals of the UCAYM Scholarships are to increase exposure of available career opportunities in the underground industry and provide educational and networking opportunities to future underground industry professionals.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients will receive:

- 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

The Attendance Scholarship adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
January 2	Launch
April 15	Application deadline
May 15	Selection deadline
May 20	Applicant notification deadline
June	RETC or NAT Conference

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

All UCA Young Member Scholarship Attendance applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A one-year student membership to UCA of SME 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

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 Customer Service 303-948-4200