



J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures

Overview

The J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship is awarded annually to up to two students pursuing an undergraduate degree in mining or minerals engineering, with a desire to use their skills to apply technology to **underground mine planning, operations, or maintenance**. Students pursuing degrees in mechanical or electrical engineering may also be considered if they are minoring in mining engineering or show a strong desire for a career in the underground mining industry.

Timeline

The J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship will adhere 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 15	Application deadline
December 1	Selection deadline
December 15	Applicant notification deadline
January 15	Check(s) mailed to department heads
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Recipient(s) recognized at SME Foundation Gala Dinner

Applicant Qualifications

The J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
2. Be an active SME student member in good standing.
3. **Enrolled in** a degree program 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 underground mining**.

Application Requirements

The J.H. Fletcher & Co. 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 **essay** (one page) **that is uniquely written specifically** for this application describing applicant's interest in/passion for a **career in underground mining**. (Reuse of this essay for other applications is inappropriate.)
3. Two references, one from university faculty and one from an appropriate industry professional.
4. Résumé detailing the **applicant's career objective**, educational achievements, applicable coursework completed including any research efforts, and current class enrollment, and work experience. (See internet résumé writing sites for résumé templates and writing guidelines.)
5. Copy of most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are okay).

Award	The J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship is a renewable scholarship with total potential funding of \$10,000 per student: \$5,000 for the initial award if the student is a junior and an additional \$5,000 for their senior year, subject to renewal approval.
Recipient Selection	<p>Selection of scholarship recipients and approval of scholarship renewal is at the discretion of the SME Foundation Scholarship Committee. A desire for and probability of success in a career in underground mining will be important factors in selection of the successful candidates. Final approval of all selections will be made by the executive leadership of J.H. Fletcher & Co.</p> <p>J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship recipients are eligible for a second year of funding. Recipients are required to submit the following information by July 1 following their junior year for consideration for senior year funding to scholarships@smenet.org:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Copy of most recent transcript.b. A letter from faculty confirming that the student continues to be enrolled, is active in the program, and is in good academic standing.c. An updated statement describing work and educational experiences since the receipt of the first scholarship. <p>J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship renewal is subject to approval by the SME Foundation Scholarship Committee, with final approval for this purpose by J.H. Fletcher & Co.</p>
Questions	Questions may be directed to scholarships@smenet.org or 303-948-4200.
