



MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures



Overview

The Mining and Metallurgical Society of America and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration Foundation offer one significant scholarship (MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship) on an annual basis to an outstanding student whose study program encompasses any aspect of the extractive minerals industry.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student whose study program is directed toward:

- a. Mining or geological engineering.
- b. Metallurgy, metallurgical engineering, or chemical engineering as related to metal recovery.
- c. Mining or mineral exploration geology.
- d. Environmental science or engineering as related to mining activities.

The SME Foundation supports all efforts to recruit talented students for the minerals industry. MMSA is dedicated to promoting and improving the understanding and appreciation of the role played by mining and metallurgy in the United States.

Timeline

The MMSA/SMEF Presidential 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 15	Application deadline
December 1	Selection deadline
December 15	Applicant notification deadline
January 15	Check(s) mailed to recipient(s)
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Recipient(s) recognized at MMSA and SME Foundation Dinners

Applicant Qualifications

MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed at least three years of undergraduate studies with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.
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 the minerals industry.

Application Requirements

MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship applications must be submitted online through SME's scholarship application 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 the extractive minerals industry.
 3. Two letters of reference, at least one of which must be from university faculty.
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4. Résumé detailing past education and work experience.
 5. Copy of most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are okay).
 6. Anticipated expenses/income for the current academic year.
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Recipient Selection

Selection is made by the MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship Committee and is based on a combination of financial need and academic promise.

Award

The amount of the scholarship to be awarded annually will be either \$4,000 or 5 percent of the fund's rolling three-year average balance. The principal of the fund may be used to fund the scholarship in the event that the earnings are not substantial enough to award the minimum of \$4,000.

Questions

Questions may be directed to scholarships@smenet.org or 303-948-4200.
