SME Pittsburgh Section
West Virginia University Student Grant
Guidelines and Procedures

Overview	The SME Pittsburgh Section West Virginia University Student Grant (WVU Student Grant) is awarded annually to a student pursuing an undergraduate degree in mining engineering, mineral engineering and mineral, ore, and coal processing at West Virginia University (WVU). Applicants must have completed their freshman year of studies at the time of application and have elected or be enrolled in course work leading to a degree in the above disciplines. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is required. Part-time and co-operative students are also eligible for the grant.

Timeline   The WVU Student Grant adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
May 15-September 25	Applications accepted.
September 15	Application initiation deadline – (***Note***: All applications should be initiated by this date to allow plenty of time for compiling application documents prior to the September 27 deadline.)
September 27	Application deadline.
October 4	Selection deadline.
October 7	Applicant notification deadline.
October 31	Check mailed to successful applicant.
Joint SME/PCMIA Meeting	Recipient recognized at the Joint SME/PCMIA Meeting held annually in October in the Pittsburgh Region.

Applicant Qualifications   WVU Student Grant applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Completed at least one year of undergraduate studies at WVU with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

2. Maintained good standing as an SME student member or have become an SME student member for this scholarship application.

3. Pursuing or having elected to pursue an undergraduate degree in mining engineering, mineral engineering and mineral, ore, and coal processing at WVU. Junior and Senior applicants will receive preferential standing.

Application Requirements   WVU Student Grant application materials must be submitted electronically. Applicants should go to the SME Pittsburgh Section website, www.smepittsburgh.org Scholarships tab and find the SME Pittsburgh Section Scholarship Committee link. The link will direct the applicant to email the committee at smepittsburghsectionbod@gmail.com. Applicants should attach the following materials to his or her email:

1. Contact information (Word file with mailing address, email address, mobile phone number).

2. One letter (pdf and/or Word file) of reference from faculty members, industry representatives (preferred), previous or current employer (preferred), and others familiar with the candidate's academic and professional interests.

3. Résumé detailing past education and work experience (pdf version).

4. Copy of most recent transcript (pdfs of unofficial transcripts are acceptable).

5. Anticipated expenses/income for the current academic year to demonstrate a need for financial assistance to complete the academic program he or she is pursuing (Excel or Word format). Financial disclosure information should include:

Application Requirements - Continued	Allowable Expenses estimated for the subject academic year: • Tuition. • Books. • Lab fees. • Fees related to studies. • Room (dormitory charges, apartment rent, etc.). • Board (meals, food, etc.). Financial Resources estimated for the subject academic year: • Student loans. • 529 withdrawals. • Income from part-time jobs, internships, co-operative employment. • Scholarships, grants, and other similar aid.
Award	One WVU Student Grant will be awarded in an academic year. The amount of the grant will be $4,000.
Recipient Selection	Selection of grant recipients is at the sole discretion of the SME Pittsburgh Scholarship Committee.
Questions	Questions may be directed to the committee at smepittsburghsectionbod@gmail.com, subject: SME Pittsburgh Section Application.