



## ***SME established the SME Foundation in 1991 as a Colorado-based nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization***

The mission of the SME Foundation is to be the source of funding for education and outreach of SME and the community it serves. The SME Foundation fulfills its mission by supporting projects that disseminate mining/mineral information and technology worldwide; encourage professional development; educate children, teachers and the public about the significant role that the minerals industry plays in their everyday lives; build consensus for a strong, environmentally-sound minerals industry in the United States and the world; and support college-level students and programs to meet industry demands for engineers and researchers in the future.

Your financial contribution will support and fund SME Foundation programs so they can continue to provide for the SME community and industry through education, outreach and professional development in these areas:

- **ABET Inc.** – is the accreditation and evaluation body for university engineering and technology programs. ABET provides quality assurance of the educational programs that produce engineers and geologists, ensuring a skilled workforce for mining/minerals companies. As an ABET member society, SME participates in ABET leadership and provides highly-qualified professionals to become ABET Program Evaluators.
- **Minerals Education Coalition (MEC)** – provides fact-based materials for teachers and students in grades K-12 and the general public, teaches the importance of mining and minerals in daily life and inspires students to consider careers in the mining and minerals industry.
- **Ph.D. Fellowship and Career Development Grant Program** – supports qualified candidates with industry and academic experience as they pursue tenured faculty positions at ABET-accredited schools. The program seeks to rebuild the shrinking faculty pipeline and strengthen the mining, extractive metallurgy and mineral processing industries.
- **PE Committee** – SME PE Committee performs non-examination work critical for the PE license. Focus of the committee includes continued writing and publishing of the Study Guide and Practice Exam, updating the Mining Reference Handbook; outreach through webinars and Speakers Bureau; and participating as a liaison with the NCEES group and as SME representation in two ongoing national efforts concerning advocacy of the PE license: the License that Works Committee, and the Professional Liaison Organization Council.
- **College Scholarships** – accomplished and committed college students receive financial support to pursue degrees related to mining, giving them a head start in the industry and an opportunity to concentrate on classes rather than debt.
- **Miners Give Back Award** – recognizes the outstanding efforts of an SME Section for their accomplishments in community service and humanitarian outreach by members of the mining and mineral community to serve the mission of Miners Give Back.



### ***Your Tax Deductible Contributions to the SME Foundation supports these Funding Solutions to Mining's Challenges***

Your contributions will provide continued funding for K-12 science classroom education and outreach programs, scholarships for students to study various mining engineering and geology fields, programs to inform the public about the importance of mining in everyday lives, assure that industry standards are maintained in accredited mining/minerals higher education programs and Professional Engineering licensure, and Ph.D. Fellowships to encourage more engineers to pursue academic careers, and Career Development Grants to make it possible for Ph.D.s to achieve tenure.

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Thank**YOU!**

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