

# Hudson Mohawk Professional Geologists Association 2024 Scholarship Program

### **Scholarship Program**

Up to one scholarship will be awarded to declared geological sciences majors who are at least sophomores to assist the student with geologic field camp costs and to promote student participation in the Hudson-Mohawk Professional Geologists Association. Details for applying for these scholarships are provided below.

### **Scholarship Awards**

Scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,000 each will be made to eligible students that are a resident of or attending a college or university in New York State. Scholarships are intended to be used to support tuition, travel, supplies, and/or room and board for the purpose of attending geologic field camp.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Any student who is majoring in geology (or earth science), is at least a sophomore, and is a resident of or attending a college or university in New York can apply.

Each student who is awarded a scholarship agrees, by accepting the scholarship, to prepare a short 400-to 600-word article for publication in *HMPGA's monthly newsletter*. The subject of the article must be related to a timely professional issue or your field camp experience.

#### **Application Process**

- 1. Submit a cover letter introducing yourself and tell us what you have done outside of the class room such as employment, research projects, officer in a club, or outside activities within the community. Address your career goals in near term and longer term. Describe how this scholarship will help you achieve your academic goals.
- 2. Submit a one-page (strictly enforced, 12 point, times new roman, 1-inch margins, left justified, double-spaced) essay on "Why I Want to be a Geologist."
- 3. Submit a copy of your transcript (unofficial) and documentation that you are a current student. Requisite standards to apply are a minimum overall GPA of 2.8 (on a 4-point scale) and a minimum of 12 semester credits of geology/geoscience courses with a 3.0 GPA in these courses completed at time of application.
- 4. Submit proof of residency or proof of enrollment at a college or university within New York.
- 5. Submit a letter of recommendation from a geology/geoscience professor that provides an emphasis on your performance and activities in the classroom, in the department, and your character.



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The application packet should be submitted to:

Scholarship Committee
HMPGA
679 Plank Road, Suite 300
Clifton Park, New York 12065
or e-mail: scholarship@hmpga.net

If you are submitting your application materials by email, please format the subject line as follows: HMPGA Geological Field Camp Scholarship -Last Name - Submission. For example,

"HMPGA Geological Field Camp Scholarship-Flintstone-Essay".

It is preferred that you submit all application materials in one email, and, if necessary, one file.

### **Application Deadline and Award Date**

Applications must be received by midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST) on March 31st, which is to say, before April 1st. The scholarship will be awarded during the month of April at HMPGA's annual Student Expo. Winners are encouraged to attend the April meeting.

#### **Basis of Awards**

Awards will be based on the cover letter, recommendation, transcript and the content and creativity of the essay as judged by the Scholarship Committee. The decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.



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Please type or clearly print your answers.				
1.	Last Name:		First Name:	
2.	Mailing Address Street: City:	State:	Zip:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number:			
4.	Email Address:  Date of Birth: Month Day	Yea	r Gender:	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official or unofficial school transcript is required.			
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES NO			
7.	A. Name and location of college or university attending:     B. If different from above, name and location of college or university sponsoring geologic field camp:			
8.	<ul> <li>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</li> <li>A. List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in college:</li> <li>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, employment, and volunteer activities:</li> </ul>			
9.	On a separate sheet please write an essay (1 page) answering the question below: "Why I Want to be a Geologist"			
10.	Submit a letter of recommendation from a geology/geoscience instructor. Please indicate instructor's name here:			



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#### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote HMPGA's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby affirm that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I will use the award to support tuition, travel, supplies, and/or room and board for the purpose of attending geologic field camp. I will also prepare a 400- to 600-word article for publication in HMPGA's October 2024 newsletter. The subject of the article must be related to a timely geologic issue or my field camp experience.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: .		
Date:		