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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

ANGELO TAGLIACCOZZO MEMORIAL GEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Available to Current Junior and Senior Undergraduate Geology Students
2008 - 2009 Academic Year



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The Northeast Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (NE-AIPG) is pleased to announce the continuation of its scholarship program to support and encourage undergraduate students in the geological sciences. These awards will be made for the 2008 – 2009 academic year through the Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship.

Angelo Tagliacozzo (1936 – 1986) served AIPG and the eight-state NE Section Executive Committee from 1974 until 1986. He held several section and national officer positions, including Executive Committee Member (1974 – 1982), Vice President (1977 – 1978), President (1979 – 1980), National Advisory Board Delegate (1981 – 1982), and Chairman of the NE Section Screening Board (1984 – 1986). His dedication to his responsibilities as Chairman of the NE Section Screening Board is the ultimate standard for service in such a position.

Aims – The principal aim of this scholarship program is to offer financial support to current junior and senior undergraduate geology students and to encourage serious and deserving students to continue their studies in the geological sciences. The focus on undergraduate students has been selected in recognition of Angelo Tagliacozzo's special interest in having the NE-AIPG reach and assist young geologists as early as possible in their careers.

Scholarship Size – The total distribution for the 2008-2009 academic year will be determined based on the Scholarship Committee's evaluation of the applications submitted. Over the past two years, more than \$30,000 has been awarded to a total of 18 applicants. Individual awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Use of Scholarships – Scholarship awards may be applied toward tuition, fees, field camp, or other costs directly related to undergraduate study.

Fields of Interest - Junior and senior undergraduate students majoring in a geological science at an accredited college or university in any of the eight-states that comprise the NE Section (NJ, NY, CT, RI, MA, VT, NH and ME) are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Basis of Award – The Scholarship Committee, comprised of officers and members of the NE-AIPG, will make the final selection of students to receive a scholarship based on their review of the application form and two letters. The first letter will be a recommendation from the department chair or a faculty supervisor; the second letter will come from the student. There is no limit on the number of junior or senior students that may apply from each college; however, the committee may limit awards to no more than two students from any college. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of both financial need and academic qualifications. Greater consideration will be given to financial need when selecting applicants to receive a scholarship. Financial need may be documented through the methods described below. Former scholarship recipients or applicants may apply in 2008 providing they still meet the application requirements.

How To Apply – The Scholarship Committee requests a brief summary of qualifications from the department chair or a faculty supervisor for each student submitting an application. The summary should include information on the student's qualifications and accomplishments, career goals, financial needs, and reasons for selecting the candidate. We ask that the summary be no longer than two (2) printed pages and include a paragraph on each of the above criteria. The Committee may request additional information to complete its evaluation.

The Scholarship Committee also requests a letter from the applicant specifically discussing the three evaluation criteria: qualifications, career goals, and financial need. At least one paragraph should be devoted to each criteria. Additional information on recent research projects, on-campus or off-campus activities and accomplishments, educational plans, and financial need that would aid the Committee in reaching its decision should also be included. The applicant's letter should be a maximum of two (2) printed pages. Documentation of financial need is required. At a minimum, applicants must complete the Financial Needs Assessment section that is part of the Application Form. Applicants may supplement their financial need documentation by submitting a Student Aid Report. This report can be obtained by completing the on-line application for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2008-2009 academic school year on the U. S. Department of Education web site (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>). If the applicant has already completed the FAFSA application for other sources of financial aid, the Student Aid Report is a direct output of the FAFSA application process.

Electronic or paper copies of the application form, both letters and all financial need documentation must be submitted to Mr. Dennis G. McGrath, AIPG – NE Section, c/o Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., 104 Corporate Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10602 or dmcgrath@pirnie.com. The application package must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before December 5, 2008. Prior to the submittal of application packages, student applicants and faculty sponsors may submit questions via e-mail to dmcgrath@pirnie.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 5, 2008