

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

A letter will be sent out to the various Kentucky university or college chairs or other contacts at the first of the year. The requirements for a student to receive a \$500 check to be used as the student wishes are:

1. Attend a university or college in Kentucky.
2. Have a declared major in geology in their second year or later.
3. The nominator only needs to insure that the nominee has a grade point average above 2.75 overall and a 3.0 in geology.
4. This all should be presented in a letter of recommendation from the chair or student advisor and mailed in by March 1 to:

**Nominating Committee Chair KY-AIPG  
PO Box 22521  
Lexington, KY 40522**

Or email the letter to [kentuckyaipg@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckyaipg@gmail.com)

If no nominations have been received by March 1, then another notice will be sent out with a deadline of March 30.

The students that have been chosen will be given their award and check at the KY-AIPG annual dinner. Dinner will be provided for the student and a guest.

Below is a sample letter on KY-AIPG letterhead that can be used as a guide when mailing out to the colleges and universities requesting nominations.

Date

Dr. Rocky Rock, position  
University or college department  
000 Rocky Road  
Rocky, KY 00000

Dear Dr. Rock:

The Kentucky Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists is currently soliciting nominations from colleges and universities across Kentucky for awards to be presented to deserving undergraduate students of geology. As you are likely aware, one of KY-AIPG's objectives is to promote geology and raise public awareness about the importance of geology in our lives. One of the ways KY-AIPG hopes to accomplish this goal is to offer cash awards to students attending Kentucky colleges and universities to help defray the costs of higher education.

KY-AIPG maintains a Student Award Fund from which two students annually (typically depending on the balance in the fund) are awarded for their achievements. The awards are usually presented with the annual KY-AIPG banquet in May. KY-AIPG

is requesting your assistance by nominating a deserving student. To qualify for the award, the student nominee must;

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KY-AIPG always looks forward to honoring students for their efforts and achievements and hopes to assist them as they embark upon their professional journey. We thank you in advance for your assistance and look forward to meeting the students in May.

Sincerely,

Stoney Graywacke  
President, KY-AIPG

**Below are the contacts to whom the letters can be sent, be sure each year to follow-up with a call to see if there are any changes.**

1. University of Kentucky  
Department Chair (Dr. Edward W. Woolery, [ewoolery@uky.edu](mailto:ewoolery@uky.edu))  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
101 Slone Research Building  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0053  
859.257.3758
2. Eastern Kentucky University  
Department Chair (Dr. Melissa Dieckmann, [Melissa.dieckmann@eku.edu](mailto:Melissa.dieckmann@eku.edu))  
Department of Geosciences  
521 Lancaster Avenue  
Science Building 2234  
Richmond, KY 40475  
859.224.1273

3. Morehead State University  
Department Chair (Dr. Eric Jerde, [e.jerde@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.jerde@moreheadstate.edu))  
Geology and Earth Systems  
123 Lappin Hall  
Morehead, KY 40351  
606.783.5406
  
4. Western Kentucky University  
Department Chair (Dr. Fred Siewers, [fred.siewers@wku.edu](mailto:fred.siewers@wku.edu))  
Earth, Environmental, and Atmospheric Sciences  
1906 College Heights Blvd. #31066  
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1066  
270.745.5988
  
5. Northern Kentucky University  
Department Chair (Dr. Sarmanthie Fernando, [fernando@nku.edu](mailto:fernando@nku.edu))  
Department of Physics, Geology, and Engineering Technology  
Office SC 145  
Nunn Drive  
Highland Heights, KY 41099  
859.572.6519 (office)
  
6. Murray State University  
Department Chair (Dr. Qiaofeng (Robin) Zhang, [qzhang@murraystate.edu](mailto:qzhang@murraystate.edu))  
Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences  
335 Blackburn Science Building  
Murray, KY 42071  
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