



# *Scholarships!*

## Scholarship Overview

The Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc, has scholarship funds available to assist students that are majoring in Geology, Paleontology, or Mining Engineering.

Scholarships are currently \$2500.00 each and forms are available from Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society.

Interested applicants must indicate that they meet the criteria, as specified on pages two and three when requesting application forms.

Send all requests to:

Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society

Attn: Scholarship Chair

PO Box 6391

Hendersonville, NC 28793

**Eligibility Criteria**

In order to be considered for the Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society's scholarship, all applicants must meet the following criteria.

- Be a college/university junior or senior in an accredited four-year institution
- Be pursuing a major in geology, paleontology, or mining engineering
- Should have graduated from a high school located in one of the following areas:
  - One of the counties in which current members of the Henderson county Gem & Mineral Society reside. These locations are subject to change, interested parties should check with the society to see if they might be eligible.
  - Or a high school located in North Carolina or South Carolina which is west of, or intersected by, Interstate 77
  - Home schooling okay.
    - NOTE: If multiple applications are received, preference will be given to applicants that graduated from the counties where Society members reside.
- Applicants must have three individuals submit letters of recommendation.
  - One of these MUST be a faculty member from the student's college/university degree area.
  - The other two must be people that have known the student for a minimum of five years and should be from their home community.
  - All references should include their association with the applicant (i.e., friend, employer, etc.).
  - Do not use relatives or family members as references.

**Application Deadlines:**

Currently we are taking requests for applications at anytime during the year. However, awards are usually made between August and December.

**Application Availability:**

Applications are available if student meets the above criteria by submitting a written request to:

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**Selection Criteria:**

The following items are the primary focus used in the selection process

- Class status (applicant already in junior or senior year)
- Location of high school where applicant graduated
- Academic merit (Based on student's transcripts as provided by the applicant's college/university.)
- Applicant's work history
- Honors/awards received by applicant that are related to degree field
- Extracurricular activities
- Receipt of the three letters of recommendation that are required
- Each applicant must submit a short one-to-two-page essay covering the following topics:
  - Why you chose this field for your major
  - How long you have had an interest in geology/rocks
  - What you specify career goals are as related to your degree
  - Ways in which you will support Rock Clubs and Mineral Societies, such as ours, once you have completed your degree requirements
- Personal interview, if requested by selection committee. NOTE: If there are travel expenses involved for this interview, they will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Clarity, legibility of application
- Financial need

Note:

All required documentation as listed below must be received before application will be processed.

- Completed Application Form
- Student Transcript
- Essay
- Three letters of recommendation

**HENDERSON COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

***Student General Data***

**Full Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Marital Status:**

**Date of Graduation (Month/Year)**

**List Major(s) you are seeking:**

**List Minor(s) you are seeking:**

***Student Campus Information:***

**Campus Mailing Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

**Campus Telephone Number:**

***Parents Information***

**Parents Name:**

**Home Mailing Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

**Telephone Number:**

***High School Information***

**Name of High School from which you graduated:**

**High School Mailing Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

***List all extra-curricular activities including athletics since entering college. You may add a separate page if needed.***


***Names and complete addresses of three (3) individuals that you have requested to send letters of recommendation.***


**List all work experience with dates. You may add a separate page if needed.**


**ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

<b>Anticipated Resources From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Parents and/or Spouse		Tuition & Fees	
Your Earnings		Books & Supplies	
Friends/Relatives		Room/Board	
Savings		Food	
Scholarships/Grants		Clothing	
Loans		Other (please Identify)	
Other (List Source)			
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	

- **Include your essay with this application.**
- **Make sure you have the institution send us an official transcript of your grades with their RAISED SEAL, or other official authentication.**
- **Please list date(s) you would be available, if a personal interview is required.**

**\*\*\* Proof of Degree Completion (Please Read and Sign Below) \*\*\***

Due to IRS regulations pertaining to Non-Profit organizations, we will require written proof of completion of your degree requirements. Such proof must be received within 90 days of issuance of degree, and must contain the institution's raised seal (or other official authentication). It is your responsibility to provide us with this information without further reminders.

I fully understand and agree that failure to comply with this request may result in my having to repay the full amount of this scholarship award to the Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application to:** Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
Attn: Scholarship Chair  
638 Spartanburg Hwy, Ste 70, PMB 328  
Hendersonville, NC 28793