

Geological Society of Nevada Foundation



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GSN - Great Basin Geology Scholarship Fund General Guidelines

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

The **GSN – Great Basin Geology Scholarship Fund** shall be used to assist in the education of graduate students studying at an accredited university for an advanced degree in the earth sciences, with a research project in the Great Basin area of the western US.

There are no requirements regarding age, sex, citizenship, race, or religion.

The scholarship pool for 2026 is **\$12,000**. The amount to be awarded will be determined following the committee's evaluation of the applicant pool.

Any successful recipients may be assisted for a maximum period of two years.

All scholarship awards must meet the following criteria:

- Candidates must be full-time students studying at an accredited university for a degree in the earth sciences. Candidates must maintain full-time status to receive this award.
- The candidate must be a student member in good standing of GSN (www.gsnv.org). Student membership in the GSN is \$25 and provides access to the membership directory, digital newsletter and e-mail distribution of employment opportunities.
- The scholarship fund seeks to support graduate research focused on solving fundamental geologic problems in Nevada and the Great Basin. The intent is for this to be pure geology and not directly related to an exploration project or the discovery and understanding of resources. Projects with broad geologic relevance to the Great Basin terrane are preferable.
- The scholarship award money will be spent on research costs such as field work and analytical work related to the student's degree program or research and may be used for travel to one professional meeting per year if the student is presenting a paper or poster on the funded research.
- On request, the student will give a research update to the scholarship committee and may be asked to present at a local GSN meeting.

Candidates will submit an application that contains the following:

- One to two page statement describing your current research (This is the most important part of your application!), and your career goals and prior experience
- Personal/contact Information on the attached pages
- Current grade transcript
- Reference letters from one professor and one work supervisor

**PLEASE COMBINE ALL OF YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS INTO ONE MASTER.PDF
FILE AND NAME AS FOLLOWS: i.e., Jones 2026 Great Basin App.pdf**

All applications materials for this scholarship, accompanied by transcripts and supporting letters of recommendation must be received by the GSN Foundation by **May 31, 2026**. Applications may be delivered via e-mail to Bob Felder at bfelder56@sbcglobal.net

The GSN-Great Basin Geology Scholarship evaluation committee may call the candidates for a brief interview. The scholarship funds will be awarded prior to the beginning of the 2026 Fall Semester.

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Date: _____

Student's Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of College/University: _____ Degree Sought: _____

Major: _____ Year in College: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Re-Application? (yes/no): _____

Student's Present School Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Students Permanent Address (all mail will be sent to this address):

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Not to be filled in by applicant:

AUTHORIZATION OF SCHOLARSHIP: Amount granted \$ _____ for one year at

the meeting of the GSN Scholarship Fund Committee held on _____

at _____

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1. Student's Name: _____

Major: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

2. Professional organization associations (include member ID #s): _____

3. Past and current employment (employer name, address, phone), dates of employment, and job description

4. Extra-curricular activities: _____

5. Current Scholarships:

Name of Scholarship(s): _____ Amount: _____

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List 2 people – one professor and a current or previous employer – whom you have asked to provide letters of recommendation for this application. Please provide phone or e-mail contact for each.

i) Name and contact information: _____

ii) Name and contact information: _____

6. How would you plan to utilize the scholarship money toward field work or analytical costs?

7. Please attach a brief (1-2 page) statement describing your current research and how it relates to solving fundamental geologic problems in the Great Basin.

8. Student Signature: _____ Date: _____