

## Austin Geological Society (AGS): Minorities in the Geosciences Textbook Scholarship

### Introduction

The Austin Geological Society is committed to promoting diversity in the geosciences. Historically the geosciences have been one of the least diverse STEM fields. To help students from economically disadvantaged and under-represented families succeed in completing degrees in this field AGS is offering assistance for the purchase of textbooks and supplies. This scholarship is in recognition of the financial stresses that students are facing this summer with limited employment opportunities due to Covid-19, a stress that will preferentially affect those from under-represented communities.

### Details

**Open Date:** 7/15/2020 12:00 AM CST

**Close Date:** 9/15/2020 11:59 PM CST

**Program Type:** One-Time Award, Scholarship

**Number of Scholarships:** TBD

**Individual Award:** \$250.00

**Applicability:** This scholarship is for the purchase of textbooks and supplies for the Fall 2020 semester.

### Eligibility Requirements

**Minimum GPA:** 2.5

**Colleges/Universities:** Student must be enrolled in a college or university located in Texas.

**Enrollment Status:** Full-time enrollment

**Academic Classification:** Undergraduate or Masters Student

**Majors:** Geology, Geophysics, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Earth Science, Geotechnical Engineering, or any other related geoscience field of study

### To apply student must submit:

1. Proof of enrollment for Fall 2020 semester demonstrating:
  - a. Full-time course load
  - b. Declared eligible major
2. Unofficial Transcript from most recent semester of enrollment. Freshman students may submit their high school transcript.
3. Completed Scholarship Application

### Application Questions:

1. Describe how you became interested in the geosciences, and why you decided to pursue a degree in the field. (maximum: 200 words)
2. Recount a challenge you have encountered as a minority student pursuing a geoscience degree, and how you overcame that challenge. (maximum: 200 words)
3. Identify your favorite rock, mineral, or fossil, and explain why. (100 words)
4. Identify if you are first generation/ non-traditional/ veteran/ disabled/ URM/ BIPOC/ LGBTQA+

**Application submission:** please email completed applications to Toti Larson at [toti.larson@beg.utexas.edu](mailto:toti.larson@beg.utexas.edu) . Application deadline is September 15, 2020.