

GCAGS STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM 2018 GUIDELINES

Program Description

The Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies is sponsoring a program of financial aid for worthy college and university geosciences students pursuing research in the **Gulf Coast** region. Research projects concerning any of the following fields of study related to the Gulf Coast region are eligible to be considered for grants: geology, geophysics, energy and mineral resources, geohydrology, environmental geology, and paleontology. Also eligible are general geosciences topics with direct, well-explained application to the Gulf Coast region. Research projects that qualify for consideration include graduate level thesis or dissertation projects for the Master's or Doctoral degrees or special studies of undergraduates under the direct supervision of a faculty member.

Procedure for Applicants

A proposal outlining the research project, confined to two pages typewritten in English and accompanied by an estimate of the expenses for which financial aid is requested, must be submitted by the applicant. Requests for support should not exceed \$2,000.00 although the itemized budget for the research project may indicate a greater expenditure. Each proposal should clearly describe how the research project relates to an aspect of the geology of the Gulf Coast region. Also required is a letter of endorsement from the project supervisor. This letter should provide documentation of the qualifications of the student requesting project support, as well as a realistic timetable including the estimated date of completion of the project. All application documents are to be submitted to Brian F. Platt, Chairman of the GCAGS Student Grant Committee. Materials must be received no later than **February 15, 2018**.

Procedure for Review of Project Proposals

After the submittal deadline of **February 15, 2018**, the GCAGS Student Grant Committee will review the proposals. Applicants will be informed of the committee decisions following approval by the GCAGS Board of Directors at its spring meeting. Award decisions will be based on the proposal's originality, application of geologic principles, presentation, and relevance to the geology of the **Gulf Coast** region, the qualifications of the applicant, and funds available to the GCAGS for this program. Awards will be assigned funding at several levels based on ranking by the committee. The committee will consider partial funding of proposals when availability of funds requires this consideration.

Awardees Responsibilities / Publication / Presentation

Students receiving support must submit to the Student Grant Committee Chairman a **one-page progress report** on the funded research within one year after receiving the grant. Grant awardees are also strongly urged to submit their research results to the GCAGS for consideration for presentation at the Annual Convention and publication in the GCAGS *Transactions*. The abstract should be sent to the GCAGS Convention Program Chairman for review and consideration (as defined by the guidelines and deadlines for each **convention**) within one year following completion of the degree for which the funded research was conducted. Papers submitted by grant awardees will follow the same review as other papers processed for the technical sessions. A submission does not obligate the GCAGS to accept the paper for presentation at the Annual Convention or for publication in the GCAGS *Transactions*. Any research grant awardees that have a paper accepted for a GCAGS technical session will also be eligible for a Student Travel & Presentation Grant, the application form and instructions for which will be provided at the time of the research grant award. The Travel & Presentation Grant program is in effect for awardees in 2007 and later years.

Submit all application materials in **hard copy** by **February 15, 2018** to:

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