



RETC Executive Committee Scholarship Guidelines & Procedures

Overview

The Rapid Excavation & Tunneling Conference (RETC) of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration annually awards one or more scholarships to promising college students who desire to develop their skills in the tunneling industry. The total amount of the award (approximately \$5,000) is apportioned to one or more students at the discretion of the RETC Executive Committee.

Criteria

Candidates for the RETC Executive Committee Scholarship must be of good character, must have demonstrated scholastic aptitude, and must show a proven need for financial assistance. Candidates must be enrolled in a regular course of study leading to a degree (either undergraduate or graduate) in civil engineering, geological engineering, mining engineering, mechanical engineering, process engineering, geology, construction management, or project management. A "B" average is required.

Applicants must be fully matriculated at a North American school recognized by the RETC Executive Committee. Sophomore or higher standing is required. In addition, students must be a U.S., Canadian, or other NAFTA country citizen. A desire for and probability of success in a career in the underground engineering and construction industry will be important factors in selection of the successful candidate.

Before awards are authorized, candidates or personal references may be interviewed by one or more of the RETC Scholarship Committee members to determine the nominee's desire for a career in the tunneling industry and his/her likelihood for success. Recipients of the RETC Executive Committee Scholarship are required to attend the Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference, the costs of which shall be covered by an RETC Attendance Award.

How to Apply

The RETC Executive Committee Scholarship is administered by the RETC Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc. (SME). Applications must be submitted via SME's online scholarship application portal.

Applicants will need to follow the directions provided within that online portal to create their accounts and then may proceed to submit their applications. The application consists of demographic and contact information, school and university information, work history, and a brief essay describing the applicant's interest in pursuing a career in the underground/tunneling industry. A personal reference from a faculty advisor or underground industry professional is required.

Timeline

The RETC Executive Committee Scholarship adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
April 1	Application deadline
May 1	Selection deadline
May 15	Applicant notification deadline
June	Scholarship presented at RETC or NAT Conference

Questions

Questions regarding the RETC Executive Committee Scholarship may be directed to: Tara Davis, davis@smenet.org or Carol Kiser, scholarships@smenet.org
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