

Cañon City Geology Club

Jim Meacham Earth Sciences Scholarship Program

Overview

The Cañon City Geology Club (CCGC) will offer one or more college scholarships per year under this program to high school student(s) who is (are) graduating from a Custer County or Fremont County high school or an accredited home school or online program who has (have) been accepted to and will be attending an accredited college or university. The scholarship may also be offered to a current college student who has previously been awarded a CCGC scholarship and reapplies during their second, third, or fourth year of college or to a student who is studying earth sciences and is attending Pueblo Community College, Fremont Campus. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements to be considered for the scholarship and must successfully complete all steps of the application process. Scholarship recipient(s) will be chosen by a committee of board members and club members. Once a scholarship has been awarded, the student will furnish contact information for the financial department of the college so that the money can be deposited into the student's college account.

Funding for the Scholarships

The CCGC will fund yearly scholarships through silent auction proceeds and donations. Based on the prior year's silent auction and donation income, the board will determine how much to award for scholarships, how much to rollover into next year's funds, and any additional costs that may be incurred during the scholarship process.

There shall be no set limit on the number of scholarships or the amount to be awarded. The number of scholarships and amount to be awarded may fluctuate from year-to-year. If there are no applicants that meet the criteria for a given year, the entire amount in the scholarship fund will be rolled over into the following year's scholarship fund.

Advertising of the CCGC Jim Meacham Earth Sciences Scholarships

The primary promotion of the CCGC scholarships will be completed by CCGC Scholarship Committee members communicating with staff at high schools within Fremont and Custer Counties. Direct communication with staff will help facilitate the application process with interested students.

Scholarship information may also be sent out to all members of the CCGC. This communication process will ensure members who have children that meet the criteria of the scholarship are informed and made aware of the scholarship.

Eligibility for CCGC Scholarships

Students must meet all criteria to be considered for a CCGC scholarship. The following is the eligibility criteria for the CCGC scholarship:

1 – The student

- must have graduated or be graduating from a high school or an accredited home school or online program within the counties of Fremont or Custer; or
- is currently attending Pueblo Community College, Fremont Campus and is studying an earth science; or
- was a previous scholarship recipient who is currently attending an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university.

2 – The school the student is planning to attend must be an accredited two or four-year college or university.

3 – The student must have the intent to study and major or minor in a field related to the earth sciences.

4 – The student must complete all steps of the application process.

Application Process

The application process will include the following:

1 – Completing the general application provided by the CCGC. The general application may contain, and is not limited to, the following:

- Applicants Name and Address
- High School where Applicant is graduating or has graduated from or the college or university the student is currently attending
- Grade point average while in high school or college
- Provide an unofficial transcript
- Classes applicant has completed that tie into the earth sciences
- College / University the Applicant will be attending
- Intended major / minor at the college / university
- Educational and career goals for the future
- Explain how these goals fit into the earth sciences
- Why the applicant feels he/she should be awarded the scholarship
- Open section to tell the CCGC Scholarship Committee any additional information

2 – Provide one or more reference letters. It is preferred that one reference letter is from a past or current faculty member/teacher/instructor of the school you are attending and the second letter is from someone outside the school/education setting.

3 – Complete all above information and submit by the deadline. Application packets may be submitted to the CCGC via email (ccgeologyclub@gmail.com) or mail (Cañon City Geology Club, P.O. Box 522, Cañon City, CO 81215).

Selection Process

Once received, applications and supporting documents should be turned over directly to a member of the Scholarship Committee. No other members should review / read applications. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and choose applicants to receive the scholarship(s) based on the following criteria:

- 1 – Does the applicant meet all eligibility criteria for the scholarship?
- 2 – Quality of information provided in the application packet
- 3 – Do the applicant’s goals tie into the earth sciences or related fields?
- 4 – Does the applicant have any experience in the earth sciences or related fields?

The Scholarship Committee should be made up of three to seven club members and include at least one board member. Club members who have children applying for the scholarship(s) may not serve on the Scholarship Committee. Once a selection has been made it will be presented in writing to the president, vice president, and Treasurer in person or via email.

Fulfillment of Awarded Scholarships

Once an applicant has been selected they will be informed via mail, telephone, or email. They will be asked to attend the next CCGC member meeting to receive their award. The applicant will then be asked to provide contact information for the financial department of the college he or she will be attending and the account number of the student’s account with the college or university. Once this information is obtained the CCGC Treasurer will arrange for the deposit of funds directly to the student’s college account.

Time Tables

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| January | The CCGC Board will notify the Scholarship Committee of the amount available for the scholarship(s)

The Scholarship Committee will update the application with the necessary changes and provide local schools with the scholarship information |
| April | The deadline for submission of applications will be sometime in mid-April

By the end of the month the Scholarship Committee will meet and select one or more applicant(s) to award the scholarship(s) to |
| May | A representative from the Scholarship Committee will attend the high school announcement event(s)

A representative from the Scholarship Committee will hold an announcement event during the monthly club meeting |