

FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1501
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Masters Degree Thesis Grant Application 2011

Overview

Since 1991 the Four Corners Geological Society's Masters Degree Thesis Grant Program has provided financial aid to master's degree candidates working on geologic theses in the states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. This year the amount of the grant will be up to a maximum of \$650.00. In order to be considered, a thesis subject must contribute to the regional geologic knowledge in at least one of the four corner states and be acceptable to the Four Corners Geological Society. Thesis disciplines considered include (but are not limited to); geology, geophysics, mining engineering, environmental geology and groundwater hydrology.

Grant Information

The amount of financial assistance will be based in the following order.

- ◆ Thesis content and scientific merit
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Student qualifications

The amount of financial assistance will be around \$650, with the exact amount to be determined by the Four Corners Geological Society. Recent awards have ranged around \$1000.

It is the policy of the Four Corners Geological Society not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion or ethnic origin in its administration of the Masters Degree Thesis Grant Program.

Qualifications

To apply for the Master Degree Thesis Grant Program the following qualifications must be met.

- Eligible applicants must be full-time graduate students enrolled at an accredited college or university.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America.
- Applicants cannot be an immediate family member of a Four Corners Geological Society member.
- Applicants must provide complete and accurate information to the Society, failure to do so will place his/her application or grant in jeopardy.
- Any significant changes in the thesis, as initially accepted, must be re-approved by the Society and may jeopardize the grant. The Society reserves the right to be reimbursed for funds allocated to the Grantee if major alterations in the thesis content are made.
- The Society requires one bound copy of the completed thesis. Additionally, regular written updates to the Society are required.
- The Society reserves the right to publish all or part of the Grantee's thesis as part of any Four Corners Geological Society publication.

To Apply

1. Closely read the Overview, Grant Information and Qualifications.
2. Complete the attached two-page application in full, remember to sign and date the application. Note that Letters of Reference are not requested; however, three references and their respective phone numbers are.
3. Attach the following supplemental information with your application.
 - A brief description of your thesis, consisting of no more than two typed pages. Be sure to emphasize the problem you are addressing, why you've chosen the project and explain its importance and potential contribution to the solution of a fundamental problem in your field. In addition, be sure to include a description of your research strategy, explaining what steps will lead you to answer the questions you hope to solve.
 - A current resume.
 - **Unofficial** graduate and undergraduate transcripts.
4. Your application must be postmarked no later than **April 10, 2010**. All applicants will be notified by the Society of their status by May 10, 2010. Questions regarding the program should be addressed in writing and we will respond as quickly as possible.
5. Send your completed application to:
Academic Committee Chairman
Four Corners Geological Society
1980 Lions Trail
Farmington, NM 87401

Questions may be addressed to Joe Hewitt, at jhewitt@blm.gov

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PERSONAL

Name			Date
Present Address			Present Phone No.
Permanent Address (i.e. parents)			Permanent Phone No.
Social Security Number	Marital Status	No. of Dependents	Email Address

EDUCATION

Name of Present College/University		Graduate Major	
Department Address		Department Phone No.	
Thesis Advisor		Advisor's Phone Number	Advisor's Email
Graduate GPA	GRE in Graduate Major	MS Degree Anticipated	Anticipated Thesis Defense
Undergraduate School	Undergraduate Major	Degree/Year	Undergraduate GPA
Reference 1		Reference 1 Phone No.	
Reference 2		Reference 2 Phone No.	
Reference 3		Reference 3 Phone No.	

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ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME

CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR (2009-2010)		NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (2011-2012)	
Academic Aid (see below)*	\$	Academic Aid (see below)*	\$
Other Employment	\$	Other Employment	\$
Spouse Income	\$	Spouse Income	\$
Family Support	\$	Family Support	\$
Student Loans	\$	Student Loans	\$
Savings	\$	Savings	\$
Other (Describe)	\$	Other (Describe)	\$
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$
* Describe (with amounts) all financial aid, grants, scholarships or assistance; including Teaching Assistantship.			

THESIS BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Travel	\$	
Room and Board (in field)	\$	
Laboratory & Field Equipment	\$	
Office Supplies	\$	
Reproduction & Copies	\$	
Research Material & Maps	\$	
Other Expenses	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I give consent to release any information concerning my academic and/or financial status to the Academic Committee of the Four Corners Geological Society.

Signature _____ Date _____