



ACSM Scholarships and Awards 2009

INTRODUCTION

Each year, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) and its member organizations make available thousands of dollars in scholarships for college students in the surveying and mapping professions. Outstanding students in a variety of disciplines are recognized at the ACSM Annual Convention each spring. These scholarships are a great opportunity for college students in surveying, mapping, geographic information systems, and geodetic science programs. If you are applying, good luck! The deadline for this year's awards is **October 1, 2008**.

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PURPOSE

ACSM Scholarships are designed to encourage, recognize and support exceptional surveying and mapping students.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Scholarship announcements appear in various state affiliate and ACSM publications and on the ACSM's website - www.acsm.net. Application forms are included as part of this brochure and/or Website. Completed and valid applications for awards in Categories 1 through 3 are reviewed by the ACSM Scholarship Committee to determine the award recipients. (In some award categories, the committee has the option of making no award if it feels that none of the applicants is deserving.)

The Board of Trustees for the NSPS Foundation Inc. will make the selections for awards in Category 4. Every effort will be made by ACSM to notify the recipients at least one month prior to the ACSM Annual Convention; scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony at the annual convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The ACSM Scholarship Committee will use the following criteria:

- 30% academic record
- 30% applicant's statement
- 20% letters of recommendation
- 20% professional activities

Degree of financial need will be used, if necessary, to break ties, after the primary criteria have been considered.

CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY

Category 1: Students enrolled in two-year degree programs in surveying technology.

Category 2: Students enrolled in or accepted to a graduate program in geodetic surveying or geodesy.

Category 3: Students enrolled in four-year degree programs in surveying (or in closely-related degree programs such as geomatics or surveying engineering).

Category 4: Students enrolled in a two-year or four-year surveying (and closely related) degree program, either full or part-time.

Prior scholarship winners are eligible to apply in succeeding years providing all appropriate criteria are satisfied.

NOTES ON SPECIFIC AWARDS

CATEGORY 1

THE \$500 BERNTSEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SURVEYING TECHNOLOGY—The Berntsen International Scholarship in Surveying Technology is made possible by Berntsen International Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin.

CATEGORY 2

AAGS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARD (\$2000)—

Preference will be given to applicants having at least two years of employment experience in the surveying profession. Awarded by the American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS)

CATEGORY 3

AAGS JOSEPH F. DRACUP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (\$2000)—

Preference will be given to applicants from programs with a significant focus on geodetic surveying.

THE \$1500 BERNTSEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SURVEYING—

The Berntsen International Scholarship in Surveying is made possible by Berntsen International Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin.

THE NSPS SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1000)—

The two NSPS Scholarships are made possible by the National Society of Professional Surveyors. The scholarships are intended to recognize outstanding students enrolled full-time in undergraduate surveying programs.

NETTIE DRACUP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)—The purpose of these two awards is to provide financial assistance to a United States Citizen who is an undergraduate student enrolled in Geodetic Surveying in an accredited college or university.

THE SCHONSTEDT SCHOLARSHIPS IN SURVEYING (\$1500)—These two Schonstedt Scholarships in surveying are sponsored by the Schonstedt Instrument Company of Kearneysville, West Virginia. Preference will be given to applicants with junior or senior standing. Schonstedt donates a magnetic locator to the surveying program at each recipient's school.

ACSM FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)—The Fellows Scholarship is available to a student with a Junior or higher standing in any of the ACSM disciplines.

CATEGORY 4 - Administered by the NSPS Foundation, Inc.

THE CADY MCDONNELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)—This scholarship recognizes a woman student enrolled in the field of surveying. The applicant must be a resident of one of the following western states: Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska, and Hawaii. Proof of legal home residence must be submitted with the application.

NSPS BOARD OF GOVERNORS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)—The Board of Governors Scholarship is available to a student enrolled in studies in surveying, entering their Junior year of study in a 4 year degree program of their choice, and who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

TRI STATE SURVEYING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY KRIS M. KUNZE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)—This scholarship will be available to candidates throughout the United States. First priority candidates are licensed Professional Land Surveyors or Certified Photogrammetrists pursuing college level courses in Business Administration or Business Management. Second priority candidates are certified Land Survey Interns pursuing college level courses in Business Administration or Business Management. Third priority candidates are full-time students enrolled in a two or four-year degree program in Surveying and Mapping pursuing a course of study including Business Administration or Business Management.

THE LOWELL H. AND DOROTHY LOVING UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (\$2500)-This scholarship is available to a student who has a junior or senior standing in a 4-year degree program at a university or college in the United States. In addition to a course in basic surveying, an applicant's program of study must include courses from at least two of the following areas: land surveying; geometric geodesy; photogrammetry/remote sensing; or analysis and design of spatial measurement systems. Additional coursework, that is desirable but not required, includes theory and applications of geographic information systems, cartography, digital image processing, spatial modeling and analysis, and spatial statistics. For Deed of Award visit http://www.nspsmo.org/documents/Undergraduate_Final2revised6-30-2006.pdf

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Categories 1, 2 and 3

Each applicant must select only one category. Categories include:

- 1) two-year surveying technology degrees students;
- 2) students enrolled in or accepted to a graduate program with a focus on geodetic surveying or geodesy;
- 3) students enrolled full-time in a four-year or graduate program in cartography or geographic information science;
- 4) four-year surveying degree students.

Applicants in category 3 may check additionally any of the several awards in that category for which they wish to be considered.

Category 4 ONLY

Category 4 includes: two-year or four-year surveying degree students, either full or part-time. Applicants in category 4 may check any of the awards in that category for which they wish to be considered. Applicants who apply in category 1 through 3 awards may also apply in category 4.

Order in which applications must be received:

1. A completed application form
2. Proof of membership in ACSM (this will be checked).
3. A brief yet complete statement indicating educational objectives, future plans of study or research, professional activities and financial need.
4. At least three letters of recommendation (at least two from faculty members familiar with the students work).
5. A complete original official transcript through May of the year prior to when the award will be presented. (The others may be copies). Additionally, as soon as it is available, please send your unofficial transcripts for the fall semester.

All Categories

You must mail all materials in one envelope. There is no need to mail them separately. Applications sent by fax or email will not be accepted.

Incomplete or improperly completed applications will be discarded. Applicants must demonstrate proof of ACSM membership. (For information on membership see the ACSM web site at www.acsm.net). Applications must arrive at ACSM headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. October 1, 2008; late applications will not be accepted. With the exception of students in category 1 and undergraduates in category 2, students planning to graduate prior to December 2009 are not qualified for a scholarship. Winners are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony at the annual conference, however travel expenses will not be paid by NSPS or the NSPS Foundation, unless specifically indicated in the award.



ACSM Scholarships and Awards Application for 2009

Return completed applications to:

Dawn James, ACSM Scholarships and Awards
6 Montgomery Village Ave., Suite 403
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Application deadline: 5 pm on October 1, 2008. Applications received after this deadline will be returned.

If applying for Category 3, you may apply for more than one award within the category.

Category 1: Berntsen International Scholarship in Surveying Technology----- \$500

Category 2: American Association for Geodetic Surveying Graduate Fellowship Award ----- \$2000

Category 3:

AAGS Joseph F. Dracup Scholarship Award ----- \$2000

Berntsen International Scholarship in Surveying ----- \$1500

NSPS Scholarships (2 awarded) ----- \$1000 each

Nettie Dracup Memorial Scholarship (2 awarded) ----- \$2000 each

Schonstedt Scholarship in Surveying (2 scholarships awarded) ----- \$1500 each

ACSM Fellows Scholarship ----- \$2000

You may apply for more than one award category within Category 4. Applicants applying for Category 1 through 3 awards may also apply for Category 4 awards.

Category 4:

Cady McDonnell Memorial Scholarship ----- \$1000

NSPS Board of Governors Scholarship ----- \$1000

Tri State Surveying and Photogrammetry Kris M. Kunze Memorial Scholarship ----- \$1000

The Lowell H. and Dorothy Loving Undergraduate Scholarship----- \$2500

This application is made for the award year 2009.

1. Name in full: _____

2. Present address: _____

3. Telephone number: (____) _____ 4. Email Address: _____

5. Place of birth: _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes No

6. Last 4 digits of Social Security Number: _____

7. Name the educational institutions that you have attended, are attending, and at which you wish to pursue your fellowship or scholarship.

College or university
and state where located

Inclusive dates of degree attendance
Major field of specialization

Earned date awarded
expected

8. Current membership number: _____

9. Please explain any interruption of schooling (i.e., military training, illness, etc.):

10. Faculty advisor, institution, title, and telephone number:

11. Provide any statement(s) required by the deed of the award (the description pages attached) on a separate sheet. Examples of possible required statements are objectives of the applicant's educational program, future plans of study or research, and statements of why the award is merited.

12. The completed application, transcripts of scholastic records, and letters of recommendation should be sent to ACSM, 6 Montgomery Village Ave., Suite 403, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. They must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2008.

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate. I further certify that if for any reason subsequent to receiving a fellowship or scholarship award, I elect to substantially alter my proposed study plan, I will immediately inform ACSM, and if requested, I will return the money paid to me.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of ACSM sponsor (if requested in award description)

Reminders

- Do not send applications by fax or e-mail.
- Include one set of original transcripts.
- Include one copy of the completed application.
 - Mail all documents in one package.
- Deadline for these awards is 5 pm on October 1, 2008.