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ANGELO TAGLIACOZZO MEMORIAL GEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Available to Current Junior and Senior Undergraduate Geology Students
2017 - 2018 Academic Year**

The Northeast Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (NE-AIPG) is pleased to announce the continuation of its scholarship program to support and encourage undergraduate students in the geological sciences. These awards will be made for the 2017 – 2018 academic year through the Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geological Scholarship Trust Fund.

Angelo Tagliacozzo (1936 – 1986) served AIPG and the eight-state NE Section Executive Committee from 1974 until 1986. He held several section and national officer positions, including Executive Committee Member (1974 – 1982), Vice President (1977 – 1978), President (1979 – 1980), National Advisory Board Delegate (1981 – 1982), and Chairman of the NE Section Screening Board (1984 – 1986). His dedication to his responsibilities as Chairman of the NE Section Screening Board is the ultimate standard for service in such a position.

Aims – The principal aim of this scholarship program is to offer financial support to current junior and senior undergraduate geology students and to encourage serious and deserving students to continue their studies in the geological sciences. The focus on undergraduate students has been selected in recognition of Angelo Tagliacozzo's special interest in having the NE-AIPG reach and assist young geologists as early as possible in their careers.

Scholarship Award Amount – The total distribution for the 2017 - 2018 academic year will be determined based on the Scholarship Committee's evaluation of the applications submitted. Over the past five years, \$93,500 has been awarded to a total of 42 recipients. Individual awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Use of Scholarships – Scholarship awards may be applied toward tuition, fees, field camp, or other costs directly related to undergraduate study.

Fields of Interest – Junior and senior undergraduate students majoring in a geological science at an accredited college or university in any of the eight-states that comprise the NE Section (NJ, NY, CT, RI, MA, VT, NH and ME) are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Basis of Award – The Scholarship Committee, comprised of officers and members of NE-AIPG will make the final selection of students to receive a scholarship based on their review of the application form and two letters. The first letter will be from the department chair or a faculty supervisor; the second letter will come from the student. Any number of junior or senior students may apply from each college; however, the committee may limit awards to no more than two students from any college. The scholarships will be awarded primarily on the basis of financial need and academic qualifications; career goals, projects/accomplishments/educational plans, and the faculty recommendation letter will also be considered. Financial need may be documented through the methods described below. Former scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply; however former applicants may apply in 2017 providing they still meet the application requirements.

How To Apply – The Scholarship Committee requests a brief summary of the academic qualifications of each student submitting an application from their department chair or a faculty supervisor. The summary should include information on the student's academic qualifications and accomplishments, career goals, financial needs, and reasons for selecting the candidate. We ask that the summary be no longer than two (2) printed pages and include at least one paragraph on each of the above listed criteria. The Committee may request additional information to complete its evaluation.

In addition to a completed Application Form, the Scholarship Committee also requests a letter from the applicant specifically discussing three evaluation criteria: financial need, academic qualifications, and career goals (one paragraph for each criterion). Additional information on recent research projects, on-campus or off-campus activities and accomplishments, and educational plans that would aid the Committee in reaching its decision can also be included. The applicant's letter should be a maximum of two (2) printed pages. Documentation of financial need is especially important. At a minimum, applicants must complete the Financial Needs Assessment section that is part of the Application Form. Applicants may supplement their financial need documentation by submitting the complete (generally 7-pages including EFC Score) Student Aid Report. This report can be obtained by completing the on-line application for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2017 - 2018 academic school year on the U. S. Department of Education web site (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>). If the applicant has already completed the FAFSA application for other sources of financial aid, the Student Aid Report is a direct output of the FAFSA application process. Please do not submit federal and state income tax returns. An official copy of the applicant's college transcript is also required. The announcement and the application form are also posted on our web site (www.ne-aipg.org).

Electronic or paper copies of the application form, both letters, transcript and all financial need documentation must be submitted to Dennis G. McGrath, P. O. Box 472, Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706-0472 or neaipg.atscholarship2@gmail.com. The application package must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before December 7, 2017. This year, applicants have another choice and may elect to submit their application online using the form available on our web site (www.ne-aipg.org). Prior to the submittal of application packages, student applicants and faculty sponsors may submit questions via e-mail to neaipg.atscholarship2@gmail.com.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 2017