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SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

ANGELO TAGLIACCOZZO MEMORIAL GEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Available to Current Junior and Senior Undergraduate Geology Students
2025 - 2026 Academic Year



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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 2025 - 2026 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 toward careers 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 2025 – 2026 academic year will be determined based on the Scholarship Committee's evaluation of the applications submitted and funds available. Over the past five years, a total of \$111,500 has been awarded to 55 recipients, with individual awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500. Last year, a total of \$20,000 was awarded to 15 students.

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

Eligibility – 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. Candidates should be on track to receive at least 30 credit hours, or 45 quarter hours, in geological science courses by the end of their senior year, in accordance with state professional geologist licensing criteria. Students are only eligible to receive this scholarship once, students that have previously received the Angelo Tagliacozzo Scholarship, are NOT eligible to re-apply.

Basis of Award – The Scholarship Committee, comprised of officers and members of the NE-AIPG, will make the selection of students to receive a scholarship based on their review of four required documents (Application Form, Student Letter, Faculty Letter, Academic Transcript), and optional supplemental documents (e.g., FAFSA SAI, resume, other). 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 based on financial need and academic qualifications; career goals, projects/activities/accomplishments/educational plans, and the faculty recommendation letter will also be considered. Financial need may be documented through the methods described below. As stated above, former scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply; however, former applicants may apply again providing they still meet the application requirements.

How to Apply – Scholarship application packages are accessed and submitted online through a custom SurveyMonkey link. A complete Scholarship application package includes the **Application Form**, a **Faculty Letter**, a **Student Letter**, and a **current transcript** (an unofficial transcript is acceptable), in addition to any relevant **supplemental information** submitted as described below and on the Application Form. Information and guidelines for completing the Application Form can be found within this announcement and at the beginning of the form itself. The SurveyMonkey link to the application is accessed from the Scholarship Information page on NE-AIPG's website (http://www.ne-aipg.org/Scholarship_Information).

The **Faculty Letter** should summarize the academic qualifications for each student applying and should be provided by their department chair or a faculty advisor. The summary should include information on the **student's academic qualifications and accomplishments, career goals, financial needs, and reasons for selecting the candidate**. The summary should be no longer than two 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.

The **Student Letter** should focus on discussing three evaluation criteria: **financial need, academic qualifications, and career goals**. Financial need and academic qualifications are the two evaluation criteria that are weighed the heaviest, so the applicant's letter should focus on those criteria. Additional information on a particular hardship or accomplishment, recent research projects, on-campus or off-campus activities and achievements, and educational plans that could aid the Committee in reaching its decision should also be included. The applicant's letter should be a maximum of two printed pages.

As stated above, documentation of financial need is especially important. Since this award is weighted highest on financial need for students with the academic qualifications, each applicant must complete the Financial Needs Assessment section of the Application Form and is strongly encouraged to provide additional financial information. Additional information may be presented in the Student Letter, and applicants are encouraged to provide financial need documentation, such as submitting the complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submission Summary (FSS) and Student Aid Index (SAI). The applicant may submit other relevant supplemental financial information. Please DO NOT submit either federal or state income tax returns or anything that contains a social security number or sensitive information.

Student applicants and/or faculty sponsors may submit questions, up until the submittal deadline, via e-mail to neaipg.atscholarship2@gmail.com.

ALL APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025