



# 2017 NSPS and AAGS Scholarship Program



Each year, through the National Society of Professional Surveyors Foundation, over \$30,000 dollars in scholarships funded by a variety of individuals, companies, and organizations are made available to encourage and support college education in geospatial sciences. These scholarships are a great opportunity for college students in surveying, mapping, geographic information systems, and geodetic science programs. The application deadline is March 31, 2017.

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## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Recipients of scholarships are selected by a Scholarship Committee drawn from the Board of Trustees of the NSPS Foundation, Inc. and other scholarship-funding entities. The committee has the option of awarding no scholarships if its members come to the conclusion that none of the applicants is deserving.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Scholarships will be awarded based on 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.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Selected recipients of scholarships will be notified by letter. In addition, the names of the recipients will be published at [www.nsps.us.com](http://www.nsps.us.com), [www.aagsmo.org](http://www.aagsmo.org), and in the *NSPS News and Views* newsletter. Scholarship checks will be mailed to the address on the application.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **CATEGORY 1**

Students enrolled in (2) two year degree programs in surveying technology.

**\$2000 BERNTSEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SURVEYING TECHNOLOGY**— Awarded by Berntsen International Inc., Madison, Wisconsin. Awarded in ***EVEN years only.***

### **CATEGORY 2**

Students enrolled in, or accepted to, a graduate program in geodetic surveying or geodesy.

**\$2000 AAGS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARD** — Awarded by the American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS). Preference will be given to applicants having at least two years of employment experience in the surveying profession.

### **CATEGORY 3**

Students enrolled in (4) four year degree programs in surveying (or in closely related degree programs such as geomatics or surveying engineering).

**\$2000 AAGS JOSEPH F. DRACUP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** — Awarded by the American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS). Preference will be given to applicants from programs with a significant focus on geodetic surveying.

**\$2000 BERNTSEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SURVEYING**— Awarded by Berntsen International Inc., Madison, Wisconsin.

**\$2000 NSPS SCHOLARSHIP** — Awarded by the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS). This scholarship is given to an outstanding student enrolled full-time in undergraduate surveying programs.

**\$2000 NETTIE DRACUP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** — This scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to U. S. citizens enrolled in an undergraduate program in Geodetic Surveying at an ABET-accredited college or university.

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### **\$2000 SCHONSTEDT SCHOLARSHIP IN SURVEYING**

— The Schonstedt Instrument Company, Kearneysville, West Virginia, funds this scholarship each year to support a student enrolled in undergraduate surveying programs. Preference will be given to applicants with Junior or Senior standing.

**\$2000 NSPS FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP** — This scholarship is available to undergraduate students with Junior or higher standing pursuing a degree in surveying and mapping, geodesy, or geographic information sciences.

**\$2500 WALTER ROBILLARD SCHOLARSHIP IN SURVEYING** - Funded by the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors (NJSPLS). The scholarship shall be awarded to a full time undergraduate student enrolled in a (4) four year ABET accredited program from a college or university in one of the following disciplines; surveying, geomatics, or geodesy.

### **CATEGORY 4**

Students enrolled in (2) two or (4) four year surveying (and closely related) degree programs, either full or part-time.

**\$2000 CADY MCDONNELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** — This scholarship is intended to support female students and is awarded in ***ODD years only***. The applicant must be a resident of one of the following western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming,. Proof of legal home residence must be submitted with the application.

**\$2000 NSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP** — This scholarship is available to students enrolled in a (4) four-year degree program in surveying, who are entering their Junior year of study and who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average. It is awarded in ***EVEN years only***.

### **\$2000 TRI- STATE SURVEYING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY KRIS M. KUNZE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

— This scholarship is available to candidates throughout the United States. First priority will be given to candidates who 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 (2) two or (4) four-year degree program in Surveying and Mapping pursuing a course of study including Business Administration or Business Management. It is awarded in ***ODD years only***.

### **\$2000 LOWELL H. AND DOROTHY LOVING UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

— This scholarship is available to students in either their Junior or Senior year who are pursuing a 4-year degree 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, which is desirable but not required, includes theory and applications of geographic information systems, cartography, digital image processing, spatial modeling and analysis, and spatial statistics.

**\$2000 SLAVOJ (Dr. Ing. Desider E.) SCHOLARSHIP** - Awarded by the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) to a student enrolled in a (2) two or (4) four year undergraduate degree program at an ABET accredited college or university in the field of surveying engineering.

### **\$2500 NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAND SURVEYING EDUCATION**

—The scholarship(s) will be awarded to a student in a (2) two or (4) four year ABET accredited program in land surveying or closely related field. Preference will be given to New Jersey residents.

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants should select the scholarship Category for which they are most eligible. Categories include:

### Category 1

Students enrolled in (2) 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 (4) four year degree programs in surveying (or in closely related degree programs such as geomatics or surveying engineering). Applicants in Category 3 may apply for any of several awards in that category for which they wish to be considered.

**Category 4** - Students enrolled in (2) two or (4) four year surveying (and closely related) degree programs, either full or part-time. Applicants in Category 4 may apply for any of the awards in that category for which they wish to be considered.

Applicants who apply for Category 1 through 3 awards may also apply in Category 4.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for scholarships should include the following information:

1. A completed application form.
  2. Proof of student membership will be checked. Student membership in NSPS is required for all scholarships except for AAGS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARD in Category 2 and the AAGS JOSEPH F. DRACUP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD in Category 3. For these two scholarships Student membership in AAGS is required. Applicants who are not members may go to the NSPS web site at [www.nspss.us.com](http://www.nspss.us.com) or the AAGS website at [www.aagsmo.org](http://www.aagsmo.org), as appropriate, for more information on how to join.
  3. A brief, yet complete, statement indicating educational objectives, future plans of study or research, professional activities, and financial need.
  4. Three letters of recommendation (at least two from faculty members familiar with the student's work).
  5. A complete original official transcript through the end of the school year prior to when the scholarship will be presented. Additionally, as soon as available, please send unofficial transcripts for the most recently completed semester.
- Incomplete or improperly completed applications will be discarded.
  - Applications for all scholarships must arrive at NSPS headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. March 31, 2017. 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 2016 are not eligible for a scholarship.
  - Mail all documents in ONE envelope. Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Return completed applications to:

**NSPS and AAGS Scholarships, 5119 Pegasus Court, Suite Q, Frederick, MD 21704**