

BEN W. FORTSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FOR

UNDERGRADUATE LAND SURVEYING STUDENTS



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THE SURVEYING AND MAPPING SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

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BACKGROUND

The Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia established the BEN W. FORTSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND on May 16, 1980, in memory of Georgia's longtime and devoted Secretary of State and Surveyor General, Ben W. Fortson, Jr.

PURPOSE

To financially assist in the education of those deserving students who are pursuing a career in the Land Surveying Profession in Georgia.

SPONSORSHIP

The BEN W. FORTSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP FUND is sponsored by the Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia Education Foundation, Inc. (SAMSEF, a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation) and is administered by the SAMSEF trustees.

FUNDING

Initial funding of the scholarship trust was by private charitable contributions and contributions from the SOCIETY assets. Interest bearing accounts and additional contributions will Fund the scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The recipient must be a resident of the State of Georgia and pursuing a career goal in Land Surveying at a college whose courses are approved by the Georgia Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Preference will be given to those students in a full time bachelors program, however, full consideration will be given to the associate degree program students and part time students on a prorated scholarship basis. Application must be made at the beginning of the semester that the student is applying for the scholarship.

REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPIENT

The recipient must maintain a course load averaging 12 or more semester hours to be considered as a full time student. Recipient must maintain a 2.4 overall grade point average and a 2.75 grade point average in surveying courses. Also, as stated above, the application must be made at the beginning of the semester (by the end of the 2nd week). At the end of the semester the student will furnish a grade transcript, and if qualified will be awarded an appropriate scholarship.

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Applicant:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Street Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone () _____

Parents or Guardian _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

Education:

High School attended _____

City _____ State _____ Teacher/Advisor _____

Curricula Pursued _____ Scholastic Standing _____ Grade Avg _____

Student Activities/Interests:

Clubs _____

Sports _____

Hobbies _____

Part time work during scholastic year _____ Yes _____ No

If yes: Employer _____

May we contact employer? _____ Yes _____ No Employer's Phone () _____

Length of service (from) _____ (to) _____

(If more than one employer, feel free to supply others on a separate sheet.)

Other Formal Education _____ Yes _____ No. Years/Semesters _____

If Yes: Describe _____

Institution _____

City _____ State _____

TRANSCRIPT OF SCHOLASTIC RECORDS ARE REQUIRED!! _____ Enclosed _____ .Separate

Are any relatives involved in Land Surveying? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes: Name _____ Firm _____

City _____ State _____ Years in Land Surveying _____

References:

Name _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Teacher's Name _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Any reference or teacher may supply additional commentary/recommendations for you on a separate sheet.

EDUCATIONAL PLANS

_____ Bachelor's _____ Associate _____ Other
_____ Surveying _____ Cartography _____ Geodesy _____ Mapping
_____ GIS _____ Other

If part time work is planned, please so state _____ Yes _____ No

ADDITIONAL DATA TO SUPPORT YOUR REQUEST IS ENCOURAGED!!

Please answer the question below as clearly and concisely as you can.

What has prompted you to pursue a career in the surveying (or GIS, mapping, cartographic, or geodetic) profession?
(You may use additional sheets as necessary.)

I hereby understand and accept that this scholarship will be used to further my education and that should I choose to leave the surveying curricula to pursue another academic endeavor, fail to maintain the academic requirements and course load, or to terminate my studies prior to completion, that this scholarship will become void and cease being issued.

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian (if under age)

Date

APPENDIX A

Additional Instructions (including deadlines for submittals):

- (1) The initial completed application & unofficial transcript (showing courses taken and GPA) are to be submitted for consideration for the scholarship program
- (2) The completed application & unofficial transcript is only required for the first semester when applying.
- (3) Requirements at the beginning of each semester:
 - Completed application on file
 - Unofficial transcript on file
 - Printout of courses for which student is registered in current semester. These are due anytime from pre-registration up to close of business of 3rd Friday after classes begin for each semester.
No scholarship will be considered after this date for each semester.
- (4) Requirements at the end of the semester:
 - Printout of courses taken showing grades & GPA
- (5) Repeat steps 3 & 4 for all future semesters

NOTE: SAMSEF needs the requested information (listed above) at the beginning of each semester to know how to budget for scholarships at the end of each semester. Scholarship funding amount could vary from semester to semester contingent upon the number of approved applicants and funding available.

The recipient must maintain a course load averaging 12 or more semester hours to be considered as a full-time student. Partial scholarships will be considered on a prorated basis for part-time students taking less than 12 semester hours. Recipient must maintain a 2.4 overall grade point average and a 2.75 grade point average in surveying courses.

If approved, SAMSEF will issue a check (after the end of the semester) to the approved applicant to be sent to the address on file in their application unless otherwise specified.