

Call for applications for the Don Richter Memorial Scholarship

The Alaska Geological Society's Don Richter Scholarship fund is requesting applications for support of graduate student research. Proposals in all geology and geophysics disciplines related to work in Alaska are welcome, and proposals for research in the areas of Don's interests, including volcanology, igneous petrology, neotectonics, or field-based studies in the Aleutian arc, Talkeetna Mountains, and Wrangell Mountains region are especially encouraged. The scholarship fund will award \$2000 to one proposal.

Eligibility:

1. Enrollment at an accredited institute of higher education.
2. Status as a MS or PhD candidate in geoscience or equivalent degree program.
3. Project or thesis/dissertation topic focused on Alaskan geology or related geoscience topic with a preference for topics that reflect Don Richter's career interests, including but not limited to: volcanology, igneous petrology, field-based investigations in the Wrangell Mountains, the Aleutian arc, the Talkeetna arc, the Denali Fault system, and the stratigraphy of south-central Alaska.
4. Having received the Richter Scholarship no more than one (1) time previously. Previous awardees shall be additionally required to provide the Scholarship committee with a summary of how previous funds were used.
5. Applicants for the Richter Scholarship may not be related to any member of the Richter family or to any person serving on the Scholarship Committee or the Board of Directors of the Society.

Applications Should Include:

1. AGS Scholarship **application form**.
2. A **cover letter** describing your personal and educational career goals, your interest in the Earth Sciences, your financial need, and how you would use the scholarship funds. Examples of how to apply the funds include, but are not limited to, field work, research/lab fees, or tuition and books. If you are a past scholarship recipient, please include an update on how you used previous AGS funding.
3. A **project description** if you are an undergraduate, or **thesis proposal**, if you are a graduate student; please address relevance of project to Don Richter's interests (see #3 above).
4. A minimum of **two letters of recommendation** from those familiar with your academic record. A third letter may be included if it contains important additional information.
5. A copy of your **transcripts** from your current institution. If you are a first year graduate student, please also include transcripts from your previous institution. Formal confidential transcripts are not required; copies will suffice.

The AGS Scholarship Committee will take into account all facets of the information received. Priority will be given to those individuals whose thesis work is intended towards publication of results. Within one year of receipt of the award, an abstract (not exceeding 1000 words) summarizing your preliminary or final results should be submitted to AGS for publication in our monthly newsletter.

Application materials must be submitted by February 1, 2019:

Applications may be sent electronically to smkarl107@gmail.com, or by U.S. mail to:

Richter Scholarship Committee
Alaska Geological Society
P.O. Box 101288
Anchorage, AK 99510

Questions regarding scholarship applications may be directed to:

Sue Karl at smkarl107@gmail.com or 907-441-8010.

Awards will be announced March 20, 2019.

Photograph of Don Richter doing fieldwork on an Aleutian volcano.

