

GENE GEORGE PETROLEUM GEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

For undergraduate and graduate geology students in the Rocky Mountain Region

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS: To be considered for this scholarship, an applicant must be a junior, senior, or graduate student for the 2026-2027 academic year and enrolled as a geoscience major at a college or university in the Rocky Mountain Region. The candidate should have a 2.9 or better overall GPA and demonstrate need for financial assistance.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: In 2012 the Wyoming Geological Association established an endowment fund, the Gene George Petroleum Geology Scholarship, to honor the memory and spirit of Gene George, a highly respected petroleum geologist in Casper, Wyoming. Interest from this fund is used for the scholarship. Multiple scholarships of \$1,000 have been awarded annually starting in 2014.

APPLICATIONS: Application forms are posted on the Wyoming Geological Association Website (www.wyogeo.org). For additional information please contact Mr. Matt Sebade, WGA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 545, Casper, WY 82602, phone number 307-349-9454 or email - matt@encompassenergyconsulting.com.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Applications should be submitted (postmarked) no later than **March 31, 2026**.

COMPLETING THE ATTACHED FORM: The qualified candidate should fill out and return the application form to the WGA Scholarship Committee, at P.O. Box 545, Casper, WY, 82602. The candidate should have at least one letter of recommendation from the department head or any professor knowledgeable of the candidate's past academic performance. A second letter of recommendation from either an academic or industry geoscientist is optional. Do not send more than two letters of recommendation. The candidate will have a recent copy of his/her transcript sent to the WGA Scholarship Committee. **Letters of recommendation and transcripts should be received by WGA before April 3rd, 2026.**

SELECTION COMMITTEE: The Wyoming Geological Association Scholarship Committee will screen applications and select the recipient of the scholarship.

SELECTION DATE: The committee will make its selection by May 15, 2026, and will notify all candidates of the results by letter or Email.

RECEIVING THE AWARD: The WGA will send a check for the recipient to the Geological Science Department Head prior to commencement of the 2026-2027 academic year (late August 2026). Upon the department's verification of registration and attendance of the recipient, the Department Head may present the Gene George Petroleum Geology Scholarship to the recipient. If the primary recipient fails to register or attend the Fall 2026 semester/quarter the Department Head should notify the WGA Scholarship Chairman and return the check promptly. An alternate recipient will be chosen.

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For Geology Students (2026-2027 academic year)

The following form should be filled out and submitted as an application for a scholarship from the Gene George Petroleum Geology Scholarship, established in 2012 and thereafter maintained by the Wyoming Geological Association in Casper, Wyoming. The scholarship is presented in memory of Gene George to perpetuate his continual concern for and support of young geologists. Candidate requirements are as follows: 1) Junior, senior, or graduate student majoring in geoscience during the 2026-2027 academic year at a college or university in the Rocky Mountain Region, 2) Grade point average of 2.90 or better (4.0 maximum scale), 3) Need for financial assistance, 4) Strong interest in petroleum geology as a career. The Scholarship Committee of the Wyoming Geological Association will determine the recipient(s). The primary criteria considered for selection of the recipient will be financial need, scholastic ability and supportive references. Multiple \$1,000.00 scholarships may be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year. Send this completed application to WGA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 545, Casper, WY 82602 or email to matt@encompassenergyconsulting.com (Mr. Matt Sebade, 307-349-9454). Application **deadline is March 31, 2026**, and the form must be postmarked by that date. All letters of recommendation and transcripts should be received before April 3rd, 2026. Selection of the recipient is expected to be completed by May 15, 2026. Paper copies or emails of this form are acceptable.

CANDIDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Marital Status:

School Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Permanent Address:

Alternate Phone:

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

High School:

Date Graduated:

College:

Degree:

Major:

Date Graduated:

College:

Degree:

Major:

Date Graduated:

PRESENT EDUCATIONAL STATUS

University attending:

Department:

Department Phone/email:

Department Address:

Degree Anticipated:

Projected Graduation Date:

Page 2**FUTURE EDUCATIONAL STATUS (If you will be transferring)**

University:

Department:

Department Phone/email:

Department Address:

Degree Anticipated:

Projected Graduation Date:

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATIONPlease either enclose a **copy of transcripts** or have a copy sent separately to WGA.

Current Grade Point Average: _____ in geological science _____ overall

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

List any geological related work experience you may have (job title, employer and dates).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

List any geological related societies, clubs or organizations you may belong to.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please estimate the percentage of financial support from the following sources for the present and following academic years.

	Present Year %	Projected 2026-2027 Year %
Personal Income (Work)		
Personal Savings		
Spouse's Income		
Family Contributions		
Departmental Support (TAs & RAs)		
University Support		
Other Scholarships & Grants		
Educational Loans		
Other (Please Specify)		

Present amount of outstanding educational loans: _____

REFERENCES

Please fill in the following information for the individuals you have asked to send letters of recommendation. Present each individual with a copy of the enclosed Letter of Recommendation Form. Please fill in your name on the top of each form. Enclose the letter(s) of recommendation or have them sent directly to the WGA Scholarship Committee.

Page 3**FIRST REFERENCE (Academic Background)**

This letter should be from the department head of the school you are currently attending or a professor knowledgeable of your past academic performance.

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Title and Employer:

SECOND REFERENCE (Optional, Academic or Professional Background)

This letter may be from another professor or an industry geoscientist. Letters from members of the Wyoming Geological Association are encouraged.

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Title and Employer:

STATEMENT OF GOALS

Write a concise (300 words) statement of your professional goals. Include a statement about the defining moment, person or experience that made you want to become a geologist.

Signature

Date

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR _____ for the
(Candidate's name)

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Please provide a personal evaluation of the candidate in the space below or send separate letter (academic performance, personal background, financial need, geologic experience, personality information, etc.). Legible handwriting is acceptable.

Print or type name _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Phone or E-mail _____
Are you a current or previous member of the Wyoming Geological Assoc. or AAPG?