

# Scholarships!

## Scholarship Overview

The Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. has scholarship funds available to assist Students that are majoring in **GEOLOGY, PALEONTOLOGY, OR MINING ENGINEERING.**

Scholarships amounts can vary depending on funds available but will not be less than \$2000.00 each. Application forms have been provided to each institutions Financial Aid Office or you may obtain one by written request to our Society.

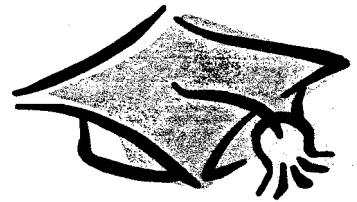
Interested applicants must indicate that they meet the criteria, as specified on pages two and three, when requesting application forms.

Send all requests to:

Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 6391

Hendersonville, NC. 28793



We can help your students  
— "WEAR ONE OF THESE"

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### Special points of interest:

- This is **NOT** a loan you have to repay.
- There is no pressure to meet specified GPA's

## Our Scholarship History

As of the end of 2007 our society has awarded a total of sixteen (16) scholarships in varying amounts from \$500 to \$3000 each for a total of \$20, 875.

Starting in 2002 scholarships became a minimum of \$2000.00 each.

We have awarded scholarships to students attending

- ♦ Appalachian State University (4)
- ♦ Baylor University (1)
- ♦ Colorado School of Mines (1)

- ♦ Clemson University (1)
- ♦ Furman University (1)
- ♦ Guilford College (1)
- ♦ UNC Chapel Hill (1)
- ♦ UNC Wilmington (1)
- ♦ University of SC (2)
- ♦ Western Carolina University (3)

**Eligibility Criteria:**

In order to be considered for the Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society's scholarship all applicant's must meet the following criteria.

- ◆ Be a college/university senior, or rising senior that has completed their junior year in an accredited four year institution.
- ◆ Be pursuing a major in geology, paleontology, or mining engineering.
- ◆ Must have graduated from a high school located in one of the following areas:
  - ◆ One of the counties in North or South Carolina where current members of the Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. reside (currently these are Henderson, Transylvania, Buncombe, Polk, and Rutherford in North Carolina, and Greenville in South Carolina.) These locations are subject to change, interested parties should check with the society to see if they might be eligible.
  - ◆ Or a high school located in North Carolina which is west of, or intersected by, Interstate 77.  
**NOTE:** If multiple applications are received, preference will be given to applicants that graduated from the counties where Society members reside.
- ◆ Applicant must have three individuals submit letters of recommendation.
  - ◆ One of these **MUST** be a faculty member from the students college/university degree area.
  - ◆ The other two must be people that have known the student for a minimum of five years and should be from their home community.
  - ◆ All references should include their association with the applicant. (i.e. friend, employer, etc.)
  - ◆ **Do not** use relatives or family members as references.

**Application Deadlines:**

Currently we are taking requests for applications at anytime during the year. However, awards are usually made between August and December.

**Application Availability:**

Applications are available if student meets the above criteria by submitting a written request to:

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P. O. Box 6391

Hendersonville, NC 28793

**Selection Criteria:**

The following items are the primary focus used in the selection process.

- ◆ Class status (applicant already in senior year or applicant is a rising senior.)
- ◆ Location of high school where applicant graduated.
- ◆ Academic merit. (Based on student's transcript as provided by the applicant's college/university.)
- ◆ Applicant's work history.
- ◆ Honors/awards received by applicant that are related to degree field.
- ◆ Extracurricular activities.
- ◆ Work History
- ◆ Content of the three letters of recommendation that are required.
- ◆ Each applicant must submit a short one to two page essay covering the following topics:
  - ◆ Why you chose this field for your major.
  - ◆ How long you have had an interest in geology/rocks.
  - ◆ What your specific career goals are as related to your degree.
  - ◆ Ways in which you will support Rock Clubs and Mineral Societies such as ours once you have completed your degree requirements.
- ◆ Personal interview, if requested by selection committee. NOTE: If there are travel expenses involved for this interview they will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- ◆ Clarity, legibility of application.
- ◆ Financial need.

**NOTE!!!**

- ◆ All required documentation, as listed below, must be received before application will be processed.
  - ◆ Completed Application Form
  - ◆ Student's Transcript
  - ◆ Essay
  - ◆ Three letters of recommendation.

## **ORGANIZATION HISTORY -**

The Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. has been in existence since 1978. The society was founded by four couples that retired to Henderson County, North Carolina from Long Island, NY. These couples had belonged a mineral society there and felt there was a need for a such an organization in their new home town.

The organization is a non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization.

Purpose of the organization: To study and collect rocks, minerals, fossils, and cooperate with educational institutions, plus other groups, increasing the knowledge and popular interest in geology, mineralogy, lapidary arts and related subjects.

Today, annual membership averages 140 and serves members from several WNC counties and South Carolina.

The society maintains membership in the American Federation of Mineral Societies and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Services provided membership are many and varied, such as monthly educational meetings, a monthly bulletin, an active lapidary workshop with equipment available for members use, lapidary classes, monthly field trips and an annual Mineral Show.

## **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING**

Funds for scholarships are derived from income generated at the annual mineral show.

## **SAMPLE APPLICATION FORM**

Please review the sample application form enclosed.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For additional info contact-

Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

PO Box 6391

Hendersonville, NC 28793

Phone: Helen Hauser 828-891-3939 or

Margaret Johnson 828-692-1249

**HENDERSON COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

<b>Student General Data</b>	
Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:
Marital Status:	Date of Graduation (Month/Year)
List Major(s) you are seeking:	
List Minor(s) you are seeking:	
<b>Student Campus Info</b>	
Campus Mailing Address:	
City /State/Zip:	
Campus Phone Number:	
<b>Parents Info</b>	
Parents Name:	
Home Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
<b>High School Info</b>	
Name of High School from which you graduated:	
High School Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip	

<b>List all extra curricular activities including athletics since entering college You may add a separate page if needed.</b>

<b>Names and complete addresses of the three (3) individuals that you have requested to send letters of recommendation</b>

