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Bursaries Frequently Asked Questions

Education Foundation Bursary

The APGO Education Foundation has a mandate to award scholarships and bursaries to support Canadian and Internationally-trained geoscientists in fulfilling the requirements for registration with the APGO. Scholarships are awarded to students at Canadian universities. Bursaries are awarded to immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of requirements for registration as professional geoscientists in Ontario (such as taking university courses, exams, etc).

Q: Why were bursaries established?

A: We recognize the need our profession has to incorporate internationally-trained geoscientists into the work force as professional geoscientists in Ontario. The bursaries recognise the importance of integrating internationally-trained geoscientists and supporting their attainment of the requirements for registration as a P.Ge.

Q: What is the amount of the bursaries?

A: The APGO Education Foundation intends to award one bursary annually in an amount up to \$5,000, the amount to be determined based on demonstrated need.

Q: Who qualifies to receive a bursary?

A: A bursary will be awarded to a qualifying internationally-trained candidate(s) that demonstrates financial need in fulfilling requirements for registration as a professional geoscientist.

Q: Where does the bursary come from? Do I have to pay it back?

A: The APGO Education Foundation provides funding for the bursary from its general fundraising efforts. It does not need to be repaid.

Q: What are the requirements to receive a bursary?

A: In order to be considered, Bursary applicants must have:

- Applied to the APGO for registration as P.Ge., and have an Academic Assessment from the APGO Registrar
- Geoscience work experience
- Demonstrated financial need
- Two sponsors / references

Q: Who decides on awarding the bursary?

A: A bursary application review committee will be established by the Education Foundation Board of Directors. The review committee will comprise a minimum of three members appointed by the Board. The committee will review the APGO application, work experience and financial need information and award the bursary to the most qualified applicant(s).

Q: Will my personal and financial information be kept confidential?

A: All information reviewed, discussed and decisions made by the committee are confidential. News of bursary applications and awards will be released only by the Board of Directors.

Q: Why do I need sponsors / references?

A: The APGO registration process requires references, so to be eligible sponsors / references must be provided to assess each applicant's suitability to receive a bursary based on merit. The Board of Directors will ensure a reference check of the final applicant considered for award. The sponsor / reference only needs to know the applicant and their work history well enough to comment on their application information and suitability to receive a merit-based award. The reference / sponsor does not need to be aware of the applicant's financial information.

Q: What is the Arsalan Mohajer Bursary?

A: The Arsalan Mohajer Bursary is awarded to an applicant demonstrating training in the areas of geophysics or environmental geoscience.

Q: What is the Past Presidents' Bursary?

A: The Past Presidents' Bursary was established by the Past Presidents of the APGO Council. This bursary is awarded to an applicant demonstrating leadership qualities.