Are you planning a career in mine land reclamation?

$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

May 31, 2017 Application Deadline

NAAMLP is a non-profit, professional organization that promotes the reclamation and restoration of lands affected by abandoned mining throughout the nation. Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) established the national Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program administered by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), U.S. Department of the Interior. SMCRA’s purpose is to reclaim land and water resources adversely affected by past coal mining and left abandoned or inadequately restored. SMCRA levies fees on active coal mining to pay the reclamation costs. Collected fees are deposited in the AML Fund and distributed to authorized states and tribes to implement their own programs. NAAMLP is the professional association of States and Tribes who work under the auspices of Title IV of SMCRA.

The $2,000 NAAMLP Scholarship is intended to assist in the education of students who intend to work as scientists, engineers or technicians in the field of mine land reclamation.

Letters of application for this scholarship must be received by May 31, 2017.

Scholarship monies will be awarded in the form of a tuition check made out to the accredited educational institution of your choice to be received at the annual NAAMLP conference. Three (3) scholarships will be given: 1) to a student enrolled in a school in the eastern geographic area of the United States (generally those states within or near the Appalachian Region of the OSMRE); 2) to a student enrolled in a school in the Mid-Continent of the United States (generally those states within or near the Mid-Continent Region of the OSMRE); and 3) to a student enrolled in a school in the Western Region of the United States (generally those states within or near the Western Region of the OSMRE). The scholarship holders are invited to attend the 2017 NAAMLP Annual Conference in Lexington, Kentucky from September 24 to September 27, 2017. Costs (travel, lodging, per diem up to a total of $1000) and Conference registration fees will be covered in addition to the scholarship. Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in all Conference activities. Tuition may be used at any accredited institution of higher education. The NAAMLP Scholarship must be utilized during the 2017-2018 school year.

Application Form attached

Or see http://www.onenet.net/~naamlp/index.html
A complete application will include:

A complete Scholarship Application Form;
An essay (1-2 pages) in which you address the following criteria:
- Demonstrated commitment to the reclamation and restoration of lands affected by abandoned mining;
- Statement of your intended career;
- Declared (or intended) area of major study;
- Current level of education and educational history;
- Course work, employment, and/or volunteer activities;
- Statement of intent to complete education in the field of mine land reclamation or related area such as biological, physical or environmental science; mining, engineering, or other (describe); and
- Personal Statement of Financial Need

A transcript of last year’s course work (if applicable)
Two letters of support (to be included with the application or mailed separately)

Please send completed application to:
Mr. Michael Garner, Chief
Abandoned Mine Lands Division
Maryland Mining Program
Maryland Department of the Environment
160 South Water Street
Frostburg, Maryland 21532-2145

For more information see:
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