



EL DORADO COUNTY MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY
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Scholarship Overview

The El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society has a Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to residents of El Dorado County who are pursuing a degree and/or career in earth sciences, lapidary arts or other related fields at an accredited college or university.

Minimum Requirements

Scholarships are available to individuals who reside in El Dorado County (or who resided in El Dorado County at the time of their high school graduation) and are:

- 1) Graduating high school seniors or college, university, or graduate-school students, and
- 2) Pursuing a degree and/or career in earth sciences or lapidary arts at an accredited college or university.

Scholarship Amount and Use

The Society may award scholarships totaling \$2,000 for use towards attendance at any accredited college or university.

Scholarship Application Form and Attachments

The applicant must use the current-year Scholarship Application form, and they must attach the following documents when they submit the completed Scholarship Application form to the Society:

- 1) Your current, complete school transcript. (The minimum cumulative Grade Point Average for eligibility is 3.0.)
- 2) A personal essay of 300 to 500 words in which you address:
 - a) What motivated you to pursue your current career goal?
 - b) What do you hope to achieve upon obtaining your degree?
 - c) Who are your “role models” and why?
- 3) Two letters of reference, one from a faculty member and the other from someone who is not a member of your family.

Email the completed Scholarship Application form - *and the attachments* – to:
Office@edcmgs.org, with “Scholarship Committee” on the subject line.

The Society must receive your application by no later than **February 1, 2025**.



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Scholarship Selection Criteria

The Society's Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients based on:

- Their prior academic performance, as reflected in their cumulative Grade Point Average.
- Their financial need.
- Their involvement in activities and organizations while in high school/college.
- Their letters of recommendation.
- Their proposed career goal(s).

Scholarship applicants shall be available for an interview if requested by the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Recipient Selection

The Society's Scholarship Committee (with approval by the Board of Directors) will contact scholarship recipients directly and no later than May 7, 2025.

Payment of Scholarship

The Society will pay the scholarship award directly to the recipient's chosen institution, with the stipulation that the institution must return the funds to the Society if the recipient fails to register for, and attend, classes for college/university credit.

If you have questions regarding the Scholarship Application form, the scholarship program, or the application procedures, please call the Society at (530) 676-2472.