

NE GIS/LIS Scholarship

Purpose

- The purpose of the award is to encourage and recognize college students who are pursuing a program of study in Geographic Information Systems. This award provides support to students entering the professional field of Geographic Information Systems where they can use the knowledge of their discipline to excel in their profession.

Eligibility

- Full time junior, senior, or graduate-level college students currently enrolled at an accredited College or University *in Nebraska* who are actively pursuing a declared program of study in preparation for entering the profession in the general area of mapping, remote sensing, geodetic sciences, or geospatial information and technology.
- The student needs to show a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater from last grade report.
- Students are eligible to receive this award once. However, the student may submit an application annually for the duration of their time as a declared student or unless awarded the scholarship.

Award

The award consists of:

- A one-year Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 cash (\$500/semester) and a certificate.
- One term of Association Membership and registration to the Biennial Symposium
- The award winner will be publically recognized at the Biennial Symposium.

Application

An undergraduate or graduate-level student who wishes to be considered for the award must submit an application that includes the following items:

- GIS/LIS Scholarship Application Form
- A listing of courses taken, and/or those to be taken, in Geographic Information Systems, mapping, remote sensing, and other related geospatial information technologies.
- A transcript of all College/University level courses completed and grades received to demonstrate scholastic ability.
- Papers, research reports, or other items produced by the applicant that may support the capabilities in this field.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members or professionals having knowledge of the applicant's capabilities (demonstrated or potential).
- A statement of work experience and listings that may include internships, other forms of work experience, special projects, papers, research reports, courses taught as a teaching assistant or other items produced by the applicant that may support the capabilities in this field. The statement should include the nature, location and date(s) of the experience.
- A statement, not to exceed 2 pages, detailing the applicant's educational and/or research goals that relate to the advancement of Geographic Information Systems and other related geospatial information technologies and the applications of these technologies. The statement should also include long-term career goals in the profession

Award Selection

- The Committee evaluates each application, applying equal weight to each element outlined above.
- The selected applicant must agree to personally present a project paper or subject matter relevant to the field of Geographic Information Systems at the Biennial Symposium.
- Each item above will carry equal weight in the committee's consideration.

Additional Information

Any recognized College or University, in Nebraska, which offers courses of study in Geographic Information Systems or a closely related field may be chosen by the recipients, subject to requirements for admission and any restrictions specified by the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association.

The Nebraska GIS/LIS Scholarship Committee selects the recipients of the awards. The committee is composed of members of the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association, who are appointed by, and includes, the Chairman of the committee.

Administration of each scholarship is turned over to the school attended by the recipient. The school retains custody of the funds, authorizing withdrawals by the student and remitting to the student any residual amount upon the satisfactory completion of the term of the scholarship. The school is requested to report the recipient's grades to the Foundation Office at the end of each semester.

A scholarship may be withdrawn and any unused balance refunded to the Foundation if:

1. The holder changes his or her college courses from those directed toward a career in Geographic Information to another field of study;
2. The holder enrolls in a different school and/or pursues a curriculum other than what he or she listed at the time of initial application, and no longer meets the requirements set forth by the Association;
3. The holder fails to remain in good scholastic standing by maintaining a 3.0 or greater cumulative GPA; to this end, the holder must see that a report of his or her grades is furnished to the Scholarship Committee at the end of each semester;
4. The holder conducts themselves in such a way as to embarrass the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association.

All Applicants MUST

- **Submit the required number of *letters of reference* with each application from faculty members who have knowledge of the applicant's capabilities.**
- **Submit a Scholarship Application Form to be considered for an award**
- **Be enrolled at a full-time level**
- **Have at least a junior level standing (for undergraduates)**

ALL COMPLETE APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING REFERENCE LETTERS AND TRANSCRIPTS, MUST BE RECEIVED AT ASPRS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT CENTRAL TIME ON THE DUE DATE.

Electronic Submissions will be accepted (excepting sealed official transcripts and letters of recommendation), however,

DELAYS IN CYBER SPACE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

*Please read the award descriptions carefully for submission details. **Incomplete applications will be disqualified.***

The awards will normally be made annually, as long as sufficient funds are available. If the committee deems there are no applications of sufficient quality to warrant approval, no award will be given that year. Any application that does not comply in its entirety with the terms stated above and/or with the terms of the specific award(s) applied for will be ineligible.