Call for proposals for Richter Scholarship

The Alaska Geological Society's Don Richter Scholarship fund is requesting proposals for support of graduate student research. Proposals in all geology and geophysics disciplines related to work in Alaska are welcome, and proposals for research in the areas of Don's interests, including volcanology, igneous petrology, neotectonics, or studies in the Aleutian arc and Wrangell Mountains region are especially encouraged. The scholarship fund will award $1500 to one proposal.

Eligibility:

1. Enrollment at an accredited institute of higher education.
2. Status as a BA, BS, MS, or PhD candidate in geoscience or equivalent degree program.
3. Project or thesis/dissertation topic focused on Alaskan geology or related geoscience topic with a preference for topics that reflect Don Richter's career interests, including but not limited to: volcanology, igneous petrology, the Wrangell Mountains, the Aleutian arc, the Taku and Taku arc, and the stratigraphy of south-central Alaska.
4. Having received the Richter Scholarship no more than one (1) time previously. Previous awardees shall be additionally required to provide the Scholarship committee with a summary of how previous funds were used.
5. Applicants for the Richter Scholarship may not be related to any member of the Richter family or to any person serving on the Scholarship Committee or the Board of Directors of the Society.

Applications Should Include:

1. A cover letter describing your personal and educational career goals, your interest in the Earth Sciences, your financial need, and how you would use the scholarship funds. Examples of how to apply the funds include, but are not limited to, field work, research/ab fees, or tuition and books. Please include your contact information in this letter (address, phone number, and email address). If you are a past scholarship recipient, please include an update on how you used previous AGS funding.
2. A project description if you are an undergraduate, or thesis proposal, if you are a graduate student.
3. A minimum of two letters of recommendation from those familiar with your academic record. A third letter may be included if it contains important additional information.
4. A copy of your transcripts from your most recent institution.

The AGS Scholarship Committee will take into account all facets of the information received. Priority will be given to those individuals whose thesis work is intended towards publication of results. An abstract (not exceeding 350 words) summarizing your final results should ultimately be submitted to AGS for publication in our monthly newsletter.

Application materials should be sent electronically by February 1, 2014 to: 

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or by mail to:

Richter Scholarship Committee
Alaska Geological Society
P.O. Box 101288
Anchorage, AK 99510

Questions regarding scholarship applications may be directed to Sue Karl at skarl@usgs.gov or 907-786-7428. Awards will be announced March 20, 2014.