

**FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION**  
**FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 1501  
Durango, Colorado 81302



## Master's Degree Thesis Grant Application 2019

### *Overview*

Since 1991, the Four Corners Geological Society and its Foundation have given financial aid to master's degree candidates working on geologic theses in the states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. This year the amount of the grant(s) will be up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. In order to be considered, a thesis must contribute to regional geologic knowledge in at least one of these states and be acceptable to the selection committee. Thesis disciplines may include (but are not limited to) general geology, geophysics, mining engineering, environmental geology and hydrology.

### *Grant Information*

The amount of any grant(s) awarded will be based on:

- Financial need
- Thesis subject and scientific merit
- Student qualifications

This year grants will be in the \$500 to \$1,000 range, with specific amounts to be determined by the Four Corners Geological Foundation. Available funds vary year-to-year and may be divided among multiple recipients.

The Four Corners Geological Foundation and Four Corners Geological Society do not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion or ethnic origin. All eligible candidates are encouraged to apply.

### *Qualifications*

- Applicants must be full-time graduate students enrolled at an accredited college or university.
- They must be citizens of the United States of America.
- Applicants cannot be immediate family members of any selection committee member.
- Applicants must provide complete and accurate information (failure to do so will place an application or grant in jeopardy).

## ***To Apply***

1. Carefully read the Overview, Grant Information and Qualifications.
2. Complete the attached two-page application in full, remembering to sign and date it. Letters of reference are not needed but we ask for the names of three references and their phone numbers.
3. Attach the following supplemental information:
  - A brief description of your thesis (no more than two typed pages). Please emphasize the problem you're addressing, why you've chosen this project, and its importance and potential contribution in your field. Include your research strategy, explaining what steps will lead you to answer the questions you plan to address.
  - A current resume.
4. Your application must be postmarked no later than **April 20, 2019**. All applicants will be notified by the Society of their status by **May 1, 2019**.
5. Digital submissions are preferred. E-mail or mail or your completed application to:

Joe Hewitt, Grant Committee Chairman  
Four Corners Geological Foundation  
1980 Lions Trail  
Farmington, NM 87401  
1980joehew@gmail.com
6. Questions may be addressed to Joe at his e-mail address or by calling 505-801-7041.

## ***If You Receive a Grant***

- Any significant changes in the subject and scope of a thesis, if accepted, must be re-approved by the Foundation and may jeopardize a grant. The Foundation reserves the right to be reimbursed for funds paid to a grantee if major changes in thesis content are made and not approved.
- The Foundation may ask for updates about your progress.
- The Foundation requires one copy of the completed thesis (hard copy or PDF).
- The Four Corners Geological Society may invite you to publish part of your thesis in one of its publications or to give a talk at one of its meetings.

## ***Our Best Wishes for Your Academic and Professional Success!***

Whether or not you receive a grant, we thank you for applying and appreciate your contributions to the geologic knowledge of our region,

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**PERSONAL**

Name		Date
Present Address		Present Phone No.
Permanent Address (parents or other)		Permanent Phone No.
Email Address	Marital Status	No. of Dependents

**EDUCATION**

Name of Present College/University	Graduate Major	
Department Address	Department Phone Number	
Thesis Advisor	Advisor's Phone Number	
	Advisor's E-mail	
Graduate GPA	MS Degree Expected	Thesis Defense Expected
	Undergraduate School(s)	
	Degree/Year	
Reference 1	Reference 1 Phone No.	
Reference 2	Reference 2 Phone No.	
Reference 3	Reference 3 Phone No.	

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**ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME**

CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR (2018-2019)		NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR (2019-2020)	
Academic Aid (see below)*	\$	Academic Aid (see below)*	\$
Other Employment	\$	Other Employment	\$
Spouse Income	\$	Spouse Income	\$
Family Support	\$	Family Support	\$
Student Loans	\$	Student Loans	\$
Savings	\$	Savings	\$
Other (Describe)	\$	Other (Describe)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$
* Describe (with amounts) all financial aid, grants, scholarships, teaching assistantships, or other assistance.			

**THESIS BUDGET**

EXPENSE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Travel	\$	
Room and Board (in field)	\$	
Laboratory & Field Equipment	\$	
Office Supplies	\$	
Reproduction & Copies	\$	
Research Materials & Maps	\$	
Other Expenses	\$	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I give consent to release any information concerning my academic and/or financial status to the Selection Committee of the Four Corners Geological Foundation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_