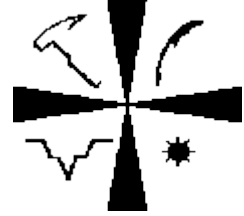


# FOUR CORNERS GEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

Durango, Colorado



## Master's Degree Thesis Grant Application

### *Overview*

Since 1991, the Four Corners Geological Society and later its Foundation have given financial aid to master's degree candidates working on geologic theses in the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. 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, environmental geology, and hydrology.

### *Grant Information*

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

- 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 does 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 jeopardize a grant).

## *How 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 pages of text; an optional third page may have illustrations and/or a few reference citations). Please emphasize the problem addressed, why you've chosen this project, and its importance and potential contribution in your subject of interest. Include your purpose, research strategy, study area, methods, and justification for any unusual expenses.
  - A 1-2 page resume emphasizing relevant skills and accomplishments.
4. Your completed application must be submitted **by email only** no later than **March 1**. Please use your last name at the beginning of each filename. Questions and your completed application should be addressed to: **Cindy French -- cynthiafrench30@gmail.com**
5. All applicants will be notified about their status by email around April 1.

## *If You Receive a Grant*

- If you no longer need this grant because you received other support after applying, please tell us so we can help another deserving student.
- Any significant changes in the subject and scope of a thesis must be re-approved by the Foundation and may jeopardize a grant. We reserve the right to be reimbursed for funds already paid to a grantee if major changes in thesis content are not approved.
- The Foundation may ask for updates about your progress.
- **You must give the Foundation one digital copy of the completed thesis in PDF format.**
- You agree to acknowledge our support in conference presentations and publications.
- You agree that we may use your name, institution, and thesis title in public and internal documents, on our website, and in fundraising materials.
- The Four Corners Geological Society may invite you to publish your research in one of its publications, give a talk at one of its monthly meetings, or be profiled in its newsletter.

## *We Wish You 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		NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR	
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)	\$
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$
Describe (with amounts) all financial aid, research grants, scholarships, teaching assistantships, or other assistance.			

**THESIS BUDGET (expenses not covered by other funding; use more space if needed)**

EXPENSE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Travel	\$	
Room and Board (in field)	\$	
Laboratory & Field Equipment	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Other Expenses	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

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 \_\_\_\_\_