



Annual report of the Scholarships for Field Study Committee for FY2026

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Committee members who reviewed in 2025: *Lydia Fox ('16-'26, Chair), Claire McLeod ('20-'26), Ander Sundell ('23-'26), Angie Allison ('24-'27), Sinan Akciz ('25-28)*

Executive summary

There were 91 complete applications to review from the best and brightest young geoscientists from around the country. This was slightly lower than the number reviewed in 2025 (105).

This year's awardees are:

- Barbara Adams, Stephen F. Austin State University
- Jayla Braddock, University of Houston
- Skylin Bromonsky, Sam Houston State University
- Mykah Carden, Western Kentucky University
- Jema Caumanday, Georgia Southern University
- Andrea Doggett, Florida State University
- Jillian Donkle, Fort Hays State University
- Jack Garrison, Michigan State University
- Anelaya Hinden-Stevenson, Western Washington University
- Grace Kruse, University of Akron
- Cristina Lyon, University of Houston
- Jessica Maynard, Central Washington University
- Adrianna McFadden, Cedarville University
 AWG Crawford Field Camp Scholarship Recipient
- Marissa McMinn, Sam Houston State University
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- Katalina Neal, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Jessica Rains-Meyer, Sonoma State University
- Hannah Ramos, Utah Valley University
- Jacqueline Rukhina, Colorado State University



Detailed report

Promotional activities

The scholarship is promoted by NAGT and not the committee itself.

Nominations and selection process

Applications are received by NAGT and the Committee is provided with both a spreadsheet of all the application information as well as a link to the individual applications on the web.

The Committee members individually review all of the applications and rank them using the following rating system: 1 = fund, 2 = fund if there are still slots available, 3 = don't fund. Each committee member was allowed to provide a "1" ranking for only 18 of the applicants (as that is the number of available scholarships). The Chair then compiled the rankings (there was pretty good alignment among the committee). The list of the top 20 was circulated to the Committee for agreement – allowing members to argue for any particular applicant they thought should be on the list but was not. The final 20 names were sent to the NAGT office (the extra two were in case students above them on the list were unable to use the scholarship, once awarded). The awardees were notified by NAGT.

The (self-reported) demographics of the applicants are as follows:

<i>Gender:</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>
<i>57 female</i>	<i>3 American Indian/Alaska native</i>
<i>29 male</i>	<i>3 Black or African American</i>
<i>1 trans female</i>	<i>11 Asian</i>
<i>1 trans- male</i>	<i>79 White</i>
<i>5 gender variant/non-conforming</i>	<i>14 Hispanic or Latino</i>
	<i>33 declined to state</i>

Awardee(s)

See above.

Reflection and looking forward

The Committee hopes that increased funding will support additional scholarships. There were many more deserving applicants in the queue than the 18 chosen. The 19.5% funding rate is pretty low.

The Chair has completed her service on the Committee. Ander Sundell shadowed the Chair this year and will assume the role of Chair for the 2027 review cycle.