



GEORGIA MINING FOUNDATION 2025 MATT GRAVES ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

The Endowment for Education Program was created to raise funds for grants and scholarships; however, to be differentiated from the GMF Scholarship Program that provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors, the Endowment scholarships are intended for a four-year course study at the undergraduate level. The Endowment Program will serve to “nurture a student into the mining industry” by enhancing the student’s education not only with financial assistance, but also with direct contact with the Georgia Mining Association and its members throughout the student’s entire education. High school seniors attending schools throughout the state of Georgia are eligible to apply.

In March 2025, GMF will award a four-year scholarship, which will pay \$1,000 per year for four years. The scholarship awarded for year 2025 will be given in honor and recognition of a person whose dedication and commitment to the mining and mineral industry is virtually unsurpassed: Matt Graves, retired from New Riverside Ochre Company.

The following criteria are used in the decision-making process to determine the scholarship winners.

The applicant must:

1. have been accepted for admission and plan to attend Georgia Institute of Technology, Mercer University, Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia, or Georgia Southern University (a copy of the acceptance letter must be attached);
2. attain a minimum score of 960 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (this includes Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math); or attain a minimum score of 18 on the American College Testing (this includes English, Math, Reading Comprehension and Science);
3. be in good academic standing;
4. receive a faculty recommendation (teacher or counselor) and approval from the principal or head master of the school. The recommendation (maximum one page) should address the following personal qualities: integrity, written/oral expression, extra-curricular activities, personality, motivation, initiative, leadership and community involvement;
5. answer three of eight questions (see attachment). Each essay must not exceed one page in length per question and must be typed; and
6. provide a copy of high school transcript.
7. submit a completed application packet containing physical copies of all the applicable documents listed above (electronic copies will not be accepted), mailed to:
Georgia Mining Foundation, 113 Arkwright Landing, Macon, GA 31210

Deadline for the Completed Application Packet (Physical Copies of the following: Application, Letter of Recommendation, Essay Questions, and Transcript) must be POSTMARKED No Later than February 7, 2025.

The Georgia Mining Association is comprised of over 30 mining and mineral producers who have operations in 133 counties in Georgia. The Association also includes more than 100 other companies that provide the mining industry with products and services. These companies have a significant impact on Georgia with more than 13,000 persons directly employed in the companies’ operations.



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ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please select three of the following eight questions and write a short essay on each. The essay must not exceed one page in length per question and must be typed.

1. Why are minerals important in everyday life?
2. What is your perception of the correlation between a safe environment and the minerals industry?
3. Should the United States harvest its own minerals or import them?
4. What do you think is our greatest freedom?
5. How can the minerals industry improve the public's image regarding a safe environment?
6. What renewable resources (solar, biomass, etc.) can be used to replace nonrenewable minerals?
7. Do you believe the current state of the world is in an ecological crisis? If so, what is your perception of this crisis and what solutions would you offer?
8. What ideas from your intended field of study could improve the minerals industry?

