

2020 MAPSS Scholarship



Purpose

The purpose of MAPSS offering a scholarship is to encourage qualified students to increase their interest in the profession of soil science. The discipline of soil science along with related disciplines such as soil conservation or natural resources will be considered for this scholarship. This scholarship was first offered in 2011 in memory of Laurie Brown, a longtime MAPSS member.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must either be:

- in their junior or senior years of college, enrolled in soil science or a related curriculum at a 4-year college in Minnesota and in good academic standing, or
- in their junior or senior years of college, enrolled in a soil science or a related curriculum, attend a 4-year college outside of Minnesota, be in good academic standing **and** either have a MAPSS member as a parent/guardian/immediate family member or be a legal resident of Minnesota.

The application package must demonstrate an emphasis in soil science in order to receive consideration.

Amount

One (1) \$500.00 hundred dollar scholarship will be awarded along with a complimentary registration to the MAPSS Winter meeting on Friday, December 4, 2020 and the MAPSS Summer Tour for 2021, along with a free student membership for 2021.

Deadline

Friday, October 30, 2020 (11:59pm).

What to Submit

1. **Application Form** – next page
2. **Essay** - On an attached sheet (in an electronic format or handwritten and scanned), write an essay of no more than **150 words** describing your interest in soils related to the past, present and future.
3. **College Transcript** – Does not need to be an official transcript

How to Apply

Submit the information list above in an electronic format to the MAPSS Secretary at secretary@mnsoilscientist.org. You will be sent an email reply confirming that we received your application.

Scholarship Presentation

The scholarship recipient will be awarded around Monday, November 2, 2020 via email. The scholarship recipient will be announced in a MAPSS eblast and in the winter MAPSS newsletter (the Auger) in January/February 2021. The recipient will be invited (complimentary) to attend the Winter MAPSS meeting on Friday, December 4, 2020 for a formal presentation of their scholarship.

Benefits of Applying

Each applicant will receive a free student membership in MAPSS for one year (2021) and half off registration to Winter 2020 and Summer 2021 events. These events will expand your soil science knowledge and introduce you to people working in soil science and related fields.

The MAPSS Scholarship Application Form (Please Print Clearly or Type)



Deadline is Tuesday, October 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm

Candidates must submit the following information to the secretary@mnsoilscientist.org:

1. This application form, completed.
2. An essay of no more than **150 words** describing your interest in soils related to the past, present and future.
3. Transcript of your academic record (does not need to be official).

Name _____

Present Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Major (if declared) _____ Minor/Emphasis _____

Expected Degree _____ Cumulative GPA of _____ on a _____ scale

Current Academic Standing: Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Academic Advisor _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Thank you for applying for the MAPSS Scholarship.