



*Michigan Gem and Mineral Society*

*P.O. Box 633*

*Michigan Center, Michigan 49254*

[www.mgmsrockclub.com](http://www.mgmsrockclub.com)

Dear Student:

**Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Gem and Mineral Society Scholarship Program.** This scholarship is open to graduating seniors from Jackson County (and bordering counties) High Schools, and the funds must be used for post high school education. For the 2017 – 2018 school year, there are two (2) - \$750.00 scholarships for the study in the areas of Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts. Membership in the MGMS is encouraged, but not required.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HOW TO WRITE YOUR ESSAY:**

These Earth Science fields include, but are not strictly limited to, studies in Geology, Lapidary Arts, and Mineralogy. Additional areas in the broad field of Earth Sciences that will also be considered include, but are not limited to: Geophysics, Oceanography, Marine Biology, Forensics, Green Technologies, Astronomy, Meteorology, Chemistry, Metal Smithing, Gemology, Lapidary Arts, Metallurgy, or others in the Earth Science field.

**If your area of study is not in the Earth Science fields, you must successfully make a case for the area of your study's connection to Earth Science.** *For example: How medicine is related to minerals in the body and Earth.*

Students interested in Teaching, (Including Elementary Education and Art), Engineering, Health Care, or Research and Technology, and are seeking degrees, training, or certification in the any of the above fields, are also invited to apply. ***You must show a connection to an earth science field.***

The scholarship focuses on the following criteria:

- Academic – minimum 2.8 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Community Service
- Financial Need
- At least 2 letters of recommendation (non-family members)
- Resident of Jackson County or bordering county
- 250-word essay

**The 250-word essay must address the following criteria:**

- Career and Educational Goals
- Commitment to your area of interest in the Earth Sciences, or how geology, weather, the environment, and/or Lapidary Arts will affect what you do in your field

**Your completed application must include:**

- 1) The application form
- 2) Letters of recommendation (minimum 2 letters)
- 3) Your essay (250 words minimum)

Staple all pages together. **Applications to be postmarked by February 23, 2018** and send to:

MGMS  
Attn: Education Committee  
P.O. Box 633  
Michigan Center, MI 49254

The Michigan Gem and Mineral Society's Officers, and the Scholarship Committee will select the winners of these scholarships. If no applicant is considered acceptable, the scholarships will be retained by the Michigan Gem and Mineral Society.

Qualified recipients will be notified during the second week of March, 2018. Awards will be given during our 56th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, held at the Jackson County Fairground Events Building on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Winners and family will be invited to the show on Saturday at 3:00pm to receive their check. We look forward to meeting you and recognizing your achievement at that time.

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**Michigan Gem and Mineral Society  
Scholarship Committee**