

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

For the GEOSYSTEMS scholarships:

- Applicant must be a member of Gamma Theta Upsilon prior to submitting the application form. GTU's Executive Secretary will verify the membership of all applicants.
- The Geosystems scholarship application is made up of four parts:
 - **Application Form**
 - **Recommendations (2)**
 - **Official Transcripts**
 - **Term Paper**
- One letter of recommendation should be from the department chairperson or a faculty member who knows the student well. The faculty member submitting this letter of recommendation **must not be** the GTU chapter sponsor.
- One letter of recommendation should be from the Chapter Sponsor.
- The term paper on a topic in geosystems is an essential component of the application package. No application will be considered without the term paper. Scholarship winners are expected to submit their papers to the *Geographical Bulletin* for publication.

The evaluation committee reviews each scholarship application with particular attention to the following items (which are not listed in any special order): cumulative GPA, geography GPA, letters of recommendation, applicant's contribution to GTU and to the department, applicant's own appraisal of how the scholarship will help him/her personally and professionally and the quality of the term paper in geosystems.

Although any GTU member can apply, competition is very keen for the scholarships. Most applicants each year have a grade point average well over 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. In fact, some departments and /or sponsors encourage applications only from students that they know will be competitive. A few sponsors carefully review the scholarship applications before they are forwarded to the first VP, recommending changes in order to strengthen them.

Applications should be typed or printed legibly. Except where otherwise instructed, do not write in longhand. We accept official transcripts only; photocopies are not acceptable.

Applicants should list honors received, contributions to department activities, offices held in GTU and other contributions to GTU. Applicants should also indicate how the scholarship would help them financially, professionally, and personally. Finally, we recommend that letters of recommendation be mailed in the same envelope as that portion of the application prepared by the student. We understand that transcripts will probably be sent separately from the registrar's office and we will combine them with other materials upon arrival.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must insure that all of the above have been sent to the First Vice-President in time to arrive by the due date. **The due date is: June 1, 2006.** Further information and application forms are available from your GTU chapter sponsor. If you have any questions your chapter sponsor cannot answer, please contact GTU's First Vice-President, Dr. Howard Johnson at hjohnson@jsu.edu.

Application deadline: June 1, 2006