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President's Letter

Dear Membership,

As my first order of business as the newly elected MGS President, I would like to thank our outgoing President - Sarah Friedman - for her leadership over the past year. While we are not specifically an oil-and-gas-focused society, the vast majority of our members work in that industry to some degree and the current down cycle in that market can sometimes make it hard to summon the energy for a volunteer society, at least for me. I never saw that from Sarah; she was always there with a great attitude, pushing us to do more...even to the point of proposing a Field Conference to be held next year! The Board has decided to throw our weight behind that effort and it will be our focus this year. We know it will be a massive effort this year to get ready, and I expect that we will be making many calls for volunteers as the plans are fleshed out.

One other person I need to thank is outgoing Board Member, Past President and all-around good guy Felipe Pimentel. His input, effort and attitude will be greatly missed on the Board (despite me writing him in for the President position rather than voting for myself).

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

MGS President
Tom Hewett

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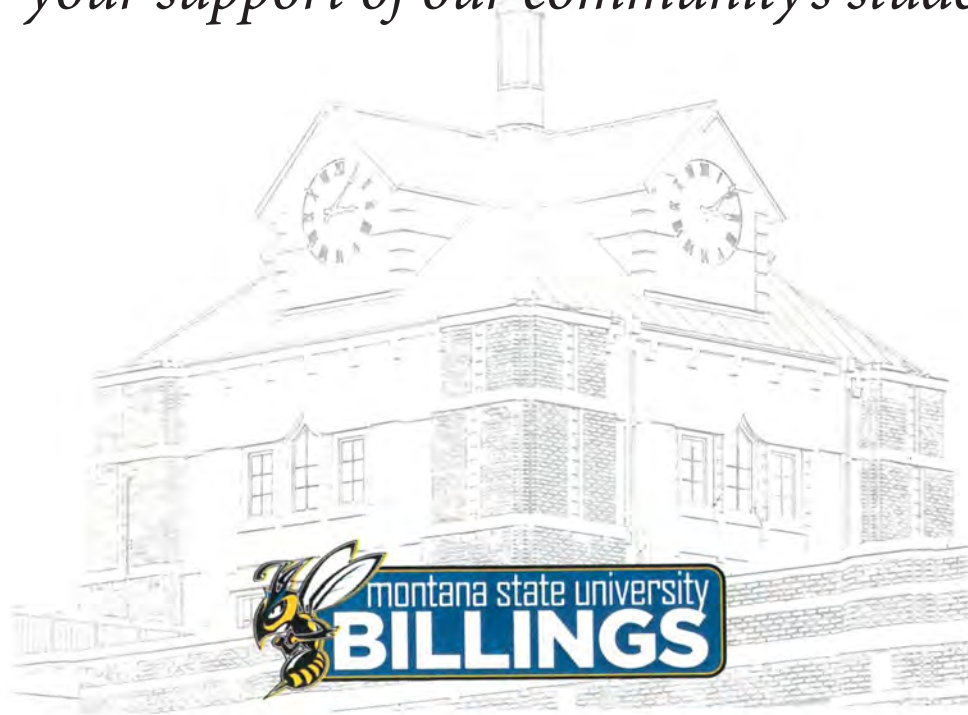
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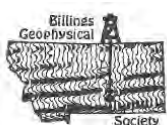
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Award

Up to two scholarships, one for \$2,000, and one for \$1,000, may be awarded each year to the most qualified applicants. The successful applicants agree to present their research results at a luncheon meeting of the MGS in Billings, MT, and will receive reimbursement for travel expenses to and from Billings in addition to the scholarship amount.

Basis of Award

All projects will be reviewed by a committee composed of Officers and Board Members of the MGS. The award will be made based on project merit, difficulty, and innovation appropriate for the applicant's educational level. Projects in the early to middle stages of research will receive preferential consideration over those at or near completion. The awards will only be made to fully qualified and deserving applicants, if any, as determined by the committee.

Eligibility

Scholarships are available only to full-time students working toward a BA, BS, MS, or Ph. D degree in an accredited geology or earth science program at a Montana college or university. The research area must be based at least partially in the state of Montana.

Application Packet

Applicants must submit **1.)** a **brief** cover letter that summarizes the applicant's educational background, current student status (B.S., M.S., Ph. D), anticipated graduation date, and research interests. Include name, mailing address, email address, and phone number, **2.)** a **short** (300 words or less), **concise** summary of their approved or proposed project that includes study area, purpose, and applicability of research to Montana geology, along with an advisor's signature, **3.)** a work flow timeline, and **4.)** an estimated itemized annual budget which specifies how the funds from this award will be used. The budget must include the amount and source of all other project funding.

Deadlines

Applications can be emailed (preferred) or mailed. Emailed applications (as attached file(s) in any standard format) must be sent to montanageologicalsociety@gmail.com no later than 11:59 p.m., **January 31st**. Mailed applications must be post marked no later than **February 1st**, and should be addressed to: Montana Geological Society, PO Box 844, Billings, MT 59103. Awards will be announced and payment made in the form of a check to the successful applicant no later than **April 1st**.



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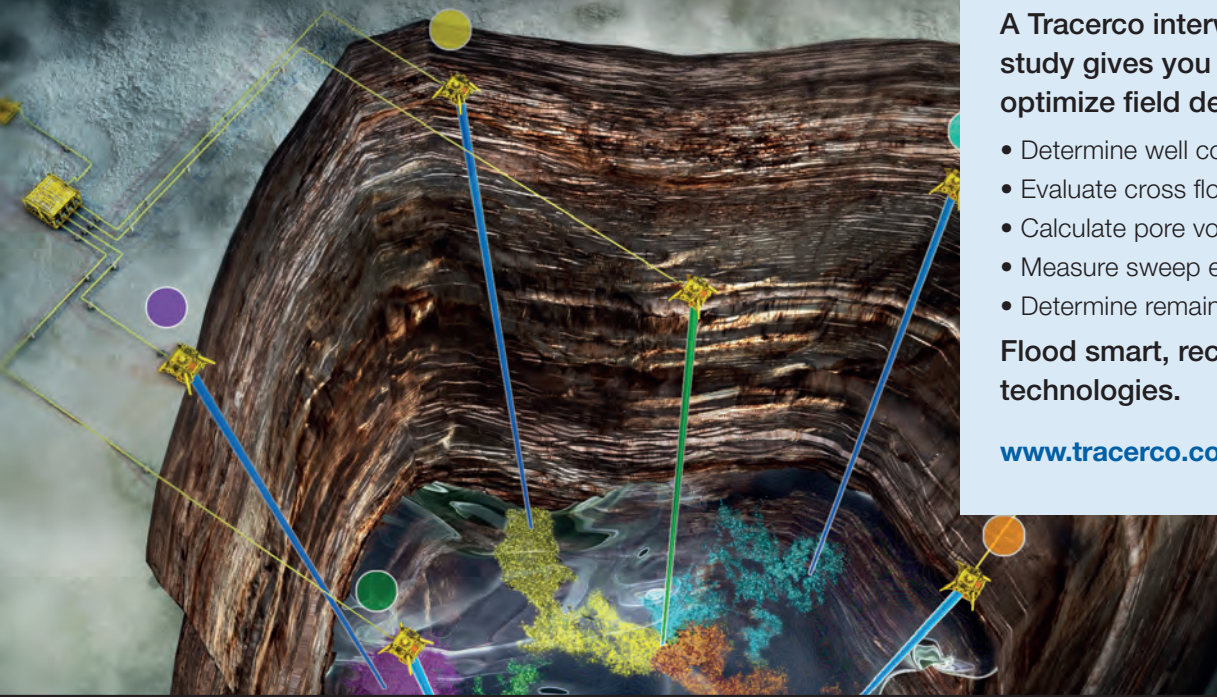
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