



## **\$3,500 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

NAAML P is a non-profit, professional organization that promotes the reclamation and restoration of lands affected by abandoned mining throughout the nation. Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) established the National Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). A purpose of SMCRA is to reclaim land and water resources adversely affected by past coal mining and left abandoned and inadequately restored. SMCRA levies fees on active coal production to pay the reclamation costs. The fees are deposited in the AML Trust Fund and distributed to authorized States and Tribes to implement their own programs. NAAML P is the professional association of States and Tribes who work under the auspices of Title IV of SMCRA.

The \$3,500 NAAML P Scholarship is to assist in the education of students whose intention is to work as scientists, engineers or technicians in the field of mine land reclamation.

Applications for this scholarship must be received by midnight eastern time on **May 31, 2026**. They may be mailed or emailed to Vince Sitzmann (contact info on application). Emailed applications must be in PDF format and all items **MUST** be included in **one** PDF.

The number of scholarships awarded is at the discretion of the NAAML P committee and will be awarded at the annual NAAML P conference. In general, a scholarship will be given to three undergraduate students and one graduate student according to the following criteria: 1) an undergraduate student enrolled in a school in the Eastern region of the United States; 2) an undergraduate student enrolled in a school in the Mid-Continent region of the United States; 3) an undergraduate student enrolled in a school in the Western Region of the United States; and 4) to a graduate student enrolled in a school located anywhere within the United States. The regions described above are generally those States within or near the Appalachian, Mid Continent, and Western Region of the OSMRE. The western region scholarship is the Madeline Roanhorse Memorial Scholarship honoring Madeline who tragically passed away in 2019. Madeline was a past president of NAAML P and represented the Navajo Nation in the NAAML P for many years. The scholarship holders are invited (but not required) to attend the 2026 NAAML P Annual Conference in **Park City, Utah from September 20-23, 2026**. Travel costs (travel, lodging, per diem) and Conference registration fees will be covered in addition to the scholarship. If the Scholarship recipient attends the conference, then the recipient is expected to participate in all Conference activities.

**Application Form attached**

**or**

Or see <http://naamlp.net>



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant must complete **all** sections of this application.

Name	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>	
Address – where you will receive mail after June 1, 2026	<i>Street</i>			
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	
Telephone	<i>Home</i>		<i>Cell</i>	
Email address				
School				
Major, if declared				
Major Advisor, if applicable	<i>Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email</i>	
Proof of enrollment (such as tuition receipt)	Attached Please Select yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>			
Intended date of graduation	BS/BA	MS	PhD	
Letter of Support	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Email</i>
	Is letter of support attached or has it been mailed? Please Select yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>			
Provide a narrative describing your demonstrated commitment to the reclamation and restoration of lands affected by abandoned mining				
Provide a statement of your intended career				
Provide a narrative describing your current level of education and educational history				
Describe your course work, employment and/or any volunteer				

activities	
Provide a statement of intent to complete education in the field of mine reclamation or related areas such as biological, physical or environmental science; mining, engineering, or other(describe)	
Provide a personal statement of financial need	
Provide a transcript of last year's course work (if applicable)	<i>Is your transcript attached?</i> Please Select    yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
Provide any additional information that you feel would be relevant to the selection committee in selecting you for this scholarship	

**Please send completed application to:**  
Mr. Vince Sitzmann, NAAML P Scholarship Chair  
Mines and Minerals Bureau, IDALS  
1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319  
vince.sitzmann@iowaagriculture.gov

For more information see: <http://naamlp.net>  
**May 31, 2026 Application Deadline**