



## Syd S. and Felicia F. Peng Ground Control in Mining Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures

**Overview** The Syd S. and Felicia F. Peng Ground Control in Mining Scholarship (Peng Scholarship) was established in 2009 to promote the science of ground control. Trends in the mining engineering profession indicate that a shortage of competent ground control engineers exists. To help remedy this situation and promote the ground control engineering discipline, graduate scholarships will be awarded annually to encourage the development of ground control engineers.

**Timeline** The Peng Scholarship adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
September 1-October 15	Applications accepted
October 1	Application initiation deadline – ( <b>Note:</b> All applications should be initiated by this date to allow plenty of time for receipt of letters of recommendation prior to the October 15 deadline.)
October 15	Application deadline
December 1	Selection deadline
December 15	Applicant notification deadline
January 15	Check(s) mailed to department heads
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Recipient(s) recognized at the SME Foundation Dinner

**Applicant Qualifications** Peng Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Attend a school that is ABET-accredited and/or has an SME Student Chapter.
2. Demonstrate a desire for and a probability of success in a career in the minerals industry.
3. Be an SME student member in good standing OR have SME membership in progress, the first year of which will be paid for by the Peng Endowment.
4. Shall be studying mining engineering or an equivalent degree and have a research topic related to a ground control issue.
5. U.S. citizens preferred. Non-U.S. citizens may be considered.

**Application Requirements** Peng Scholarship applications must be submitted online via SME’s Scholarship portal. The online application requires the following information:

1. Demographic and contact information.
2. Short statement (one page) describing applicant’s interest in/passion for **a career in mining/ground control. This essay is to be uniquely written specifically** for this application. (Reuse of this essay for other applications is inappropriate.)
3. Graduate Thesis or Dissertation title and expanded abstract.
4. Two letters of reference, at least one of which must be from university faculty.
5. Résumé detailing past education and work experience.
6. Copy of most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are OK).
7. Anticipated expenses/income for the current academic year.

**Recipient Selection** Selection is made by the Peng Scholarship Committee and is based on a combination of financial need and academic promise.

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<b>Award</b>	The amount of the scholarship is determined annually based on a recommendation from the Scholarship Committee and approval by Dr. Syd S. Peng. The minimum amount of each scholarship awarded is \$4,000.
<b>Questions</b>	Questions may be directed to <a href="mailto:scholarships@smenet.org">scholarships@smenet.org</a> or 303-948-4200.

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