Purpose

The CSEG Foundation will assist CSEG members by financially supporting educational opportunities intended to develop their professional geoscience knowledge or skills.

Activities that fulfill the following CSEG Foundation criteria will be considered:

- Programs supporting education in geophysics and the earth sciences
- Post secondary education in geophysics and the earth sciences, including the CSEG scholarship program
- Continuing education of geophysicists through the development of courses relating to developing technology, publications relating to the geosciences or by establishing education programs
- Academic research programs leading to development of scientific activities
- Non-profit programs designed to further the development of geophysical techniques aimed at improvements in geophysical applications in the earth sciences
- The preservation of the history of geophysical exploration
- The business application of geophysics as defined in the mandate of the CSEG

Funding Guidelines

- Up to $30,000 per year is allocated to fund requests
- Funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis
- Maximum allocation per event is $500 per person or $3,000 per group for geophysical related events and $1,500 per group for geological related events. Additional funding may be available at the discretion of CSEG Foundation Board
- Funding specific to registration fees are at the discretion of CSEGF Travel Grant and Learning Subsidy Committee
- Maximum allocation for GeoConvention is $1,000 per person in total, including GeoConvention funding. It is strongly recommended that applicants apply directly to the GeoConvention travel funding program first
- Foundation funding recipients must submit an expense statement, receipts and an article for the CSEG Recorder no later than one month after the event in order to receive payment
The Foundation has discretion to modify funding allocation depending upon how many requests have been received.

**Requirements**

Application forms must be sent to the CSEG Foundation at foundationfunding@cseg.ca.

Each application must include the following minimum requirements:
- The organization/individuals applying must be CSEG members
- Details about the proposed activity to be funded and an explanation of how it will directly relate to the development of the applicant’s geophysical knowledge, skills or attributes
- An itinerary of travel to, during and from the event
- A detailed budget with a total that must include any additional funding sources and amounts
- A letter of endorsement from a credible source
- An article in the Recorder (at the conclusion of the activity)
- Applications must be for non-profit ventures only

**Students travelling to GeoConvention**

Students applying for travel grants to the annual GeoConvention in Calgary must be registered in an accredited geoscience program and must be student members of the CSEG.

Preference will be given to students who (in order of priority):
- compete in the Challenge Bowl
- present a paper
- have a financial need
- volunteer at the convention
- have been members of their school’s geoscience society
- are not receiving other funding to attend the convention
- have a competitive GPA

**Applications**

Funding proposals will be reviewed six times a year. Requests must be received before the first day of February, April, June, September, October and December. Decisions will be made within thirty (30) business days after each deadline. Requests that are submitted late and require consideration outside of the deadlines risk not being accepted by the CSEG Foundation.

***Disclaimer***

Applications will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The CSEG Foundation has the discretion to modify the funding amounts stated in the above guidelines depending on how many requests have been received. In the event of more applications than funds available, a method will be established (and published) to allow the committee to choose appropriate applicants. Funding may not be given if it specifically overlaps other CSEG/SEG subsidies.