



## *Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association Scholarship Overview*

The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association endeavors to promote health and safety within the mining industry. We believe that providing financial aid to students in the pursuit of education related to mine safety will result in safer mines and healthier environments within the mining industry.

To that end, we have instituted this scholarship program and encourage new generations to enter the mine safety and health profession. A financial award is granted to deserving candidates to help defray their educational costs in a field related to mining health and safety.

### **Background:**

In 1916, the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association was formed by twenty-four leading national organizations. The association was named after Dr. Joseph Austin Holmes, a mining safety pioneer and the first director of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. In the mid 1920's, the association began to organize local chapters throughout the United States and named the new national organization the *Holmes Safety Association*. In 1966, members of the Holmes Safety Association established the Joseph A. Holmes scholarship program, in memory of the safety pioneer Joseph Austin Holmes.

Throughout the years, this organization has developed into a successful program, which is well known throughout the mining industry. As this organization grows, so does the number of applications received per year; as well as the amount of funding that is awarded on a yearly basis. The very first Joseph A. Holmes scholarships were awarded to Gene Rek from Texas and Nancy Dorsett of West Virginia in Columbus, Ohio at the National Holmes Conference. These two recipients were the first to receive a Joseph A. Holmes scholarship award. Both recipients are currently employed in the mining industry as safety professionals. It has been one of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association's priorities to encourage outstanding students to become educated in a mine safety related field.

### **Scope:**

This scholarship program is available to persons who are pursuing careers in the mining industry, safety and health-related fields. Scholarship awards are available in the following categories:

1. High school graduates (graduating seniors) enrolled in a college or university degree program.
2. Undergraduate students currently enrolled in a college or university degree program.
3. Graduates of a college or university pursuing a graduate degree.

## **Application Requirements:**

Must have been accepted by an accredited institution in the United States or currently enrolled at an accredited U.S. College or University in a degree program in mine safety, occupational or industrial hygiene, industrial health and safety or other related mine safety programs.

## **Applicant must satisfy each of the following criteria:**

1. Provide a transcript of grades for the last 3 years of completed education (i.e., high school or college level).
2. Complete the Financial Disclosure Information section to verify financial status and expenses of all persons living in the applicant's household.
3. Submit a 300-word personal essay on "Why I am pursuing a degree in mining or in a mine safety/health-related field."
4. Provide a list of Extracurricular Activities and/or a list of other Academic Achievements.
5. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green-card holder).
6. Must apply education degree back into the mining industry upon graduation.
7. Complete application and submit it with all required documents by **March 31, 2010**.

## **Selection Process:**

Committee members will review all applications and select qualified scholarship recipient(s) based on demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, financial need, Grade Point Average (GPA), leadership, and future career interest in a mine related field. The committee will come to a consensus and the successful applicant(s) will be notified by mail no later than June 2010.

## **Scholarship Award Amount:**

Scholarship awards vary based on scholarship funding and each individual application. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion or disability.

Scholarship funds are ready for the fall semester of 2010. Funding is sent to the college or university and credited to the student's account. The student is responsible for making sure the funds have been applied to their school financial account and are ready for the fall semester.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2010 (postmarked)

## **Additional Information:**

The Holmes Safety Association Scholarship application can be downloaded from the Holmes Safety website [www.holmessafety.org](http://www.holmessafety.org) or [www.utexas.edu/cee/txmshp](http://www.utexas.edu/cee/txmshp)

## **Questions:**

Should you have questions regarding the Joseph A. Holmes Scholarship Program, please contact [s.ortiz@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:s.ortiz@mail.utexas.edu) and provide your full name and telephone number.