


Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship Application Information Page

The Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship is available to all women pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree in the geosciences at an accredited U.S. institution of higher education in a recognized geoscience program. Successful applicants will be thesis-based, full time students and due to the nature of the position, each applicant must either be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. If selected, the new Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholar will be subject to verification of U.S. citizenship or residency status. Applicants must also be a member of at least one of AGI's member societies, a list of which is available [here](#).

For the 2021-2022 Wallace Scholarship, we will be accepting applications from female geoscientists pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree. There will be one candidate from each degree-level selected.

Application Instructions

All materials must be submitted via email in PDF format.

1. Complete the formal application for the scholarship. You are required to complete all sections below, which must be submitted as ONE document. Include your full name, email address, and phone number at the top of the document and start each section on a new page with a clear title. **Please use this template to format your application:**  **Wallace Scholarship Application Template 2020-2021.doc**
 - Submit a list of AGI's professional member societies to which you are a member, and include your membership identification number for each.
 - Indication of which graduate school you are attending, or intend on attending. Please include any acceptance forms or letters from the institution. (NOTE: You do not yet have to be accepted into your graduate program to apply for the Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship. However, you will not receive any support until you have formally accepted your admission to the graduate program). Additionally, please indicate your expected graduation term and year clearly on your application.
 - Curriculum Vitae (not resume), including short descriptions of any geoscience, technology, academic, professional development or applicable extracurricular activities. Please do not include descriptions of courses or coursework.
 - A strict, 500-word limit abstract about your research interests in graduate school, why you can accomplish that research and what impact it will have on the geoscience community.
 - A strict, 500-word limit personal statement about your non-academic interests. What roles do your passions, hobbies, employment, or other activities have in your life? Why are they important to you? How do these additional items make you a competitive applicant for the Wallace Scholarship?
2. In addition, please upload individual PDF copies of the following items. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Please redact and eliminate any identification numbers on these documents. This includes school ID numbers and Social Security numbers. If ID numbers of any kind are found within these documents, the application will be ineligible for review. There are no exceptions. Please read through all of your transcripts carefully!**
 - (Unofficial) Undergraduate Academic Transcript(s).
 - (Unofficial) Graduate Academic Transcript(s) and/or Graduate Acceptance Letters (if applicable).
 - (Unofficial) Highest or most recent GRE score report.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please use the following format for naming your documents:

LastnameFirstname_HEW-Date.pdf (for official application document), *LastnameFirstname_TranscriptUgrad-Date.pdf* (undergrad transcripts), *LastnameFirstname_TranscriptGrad-Date.pdf* (graduate transcripts), *LastnameFirstname_GRE-Date.pdf* (GRE scores). If you have more than one PDF in a category, please denote by including a 1 or 2 (ex. *BascomFlorence_TranscriptGrad1-Oct52015.pdf*, *BascomFlorence_TranscriptGrad2-Oct52015.pdf*).

3. When you have all of your materials ready, email them to: scholarships@americangeosciences.org with the subject line indicating your name.

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. When the application review process begins, AGI will notify applicants as to whether their application was forwarded on for review. Your materials will be reviewed by an external committee of expert geoscientists from the academic, government, non-profit, and industry sectors. They will review the applications for rigor, clarity, scientific content, methods for conducting research, current and potential contributions to the profession, and career potential.

Evaluation Process

A Selection Committee consisting of eleven geoscientists representing a variety of industries will be reviewing applications. Professionals from academia, professional societies, industry, and government organizations will provide their expertise to critically evaluate application materials. They consider a number of criteria when evaluating applications, including:

1. Scientific rigor, merit, research methods, and timeliness of the research.
2. Applicants' ability to communicate effectively through abstract writing, CV content and organization, and attention to detail in all application materials.
3. Current and potential contributions to the field.
4. Involvement and dedication to non-academic activities, clearly explaining why these are important to applicants.
5. Difficulty and achievement in coursework.
6. GRE scores will be weighted less than other application materials.

For a detailed description of how committee members will be evaluating applications, please read the following evaluation rubric:



Evaluation Guidelines for Applicants
