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AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (AFMS)

SCFMS CHAIRMAN: Virginia Adian

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation is authorized in the by-laws of the AFMS. It was incorporated on March 18, 1964 and a Tax Exempt Certificate was obtained from the IRS November 6, 1964. Its members, the equivalent of stockholders in a commercial corporation, are the Directors and Officers of the American Federation. The board of directors elects a President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary for the Foundation. The President of AFMS is always Vice-president of the Foundation.

PURPOSE

The object of the Foundation is to accumulate a fund, the income from which is used to finance scholarships. The principle cannot be used, hence the usefulness of the Fund is perpetual. The interest earned from the Fund each year is used to award scholarships. The fund has now become large enough to provide scholarships of \$4000 each to two graduate students from each of the six regional federations participating in the Foundation, making a total of \$48,000 in scholarships annually.

RECOGNITION OF DONORS

Individuals or clubs can donate funds. Recognition these days consists of 100 percentage points awarded to a club for each donation of at least \$1 per member or multiples of \$1 per member. Any dollar amount donated above the number of members can be carried over toward earning another 100 % giving. Clubs are notified of their percentage of giving in letters of thank you to the clubs. **ANY INDIVIDUAL OR CLUB CAN DONATE.** Some clubs give annual amounts or donate in memory of deceased members. Donations are given in memory of a special rockhound friend. Families can request donations be given in place of flowers for memorial. Most of the donations sent by SCFMS come from auctions and bids of the Treasure Chest at Rollin' Rock Club meetings. **All donations are given through the regional AFMS Scholarship Fund chairmen (see contact information under committees in SCFMS Directory),** who, after recording and recognizing the donations, pass the checks on to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer

Make all checks payable to AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (OR FUND), and send them to the current AFMS Scholarship Fund Chair for SCFMS:

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HONORARY AWARD WINNER

Every year each of six participating Regional Federations selects its own Honorary Award winner, who has made outstanding contributions to the earth science field, and especially earth science education. The Honoree will then choose an education institution(s) which has graduate programs in the earth sciences to receive the award. A university professor(s) serves as a contact person to assist in selection of two students who are pursuing advanced degrees in an earth science field. Grants of \$4000 each are made by the Foundation to the college(s) for the two graduate students.

SELECTION OF HONOREE

Any club or individual can nominate a person or couple to be our SCFMS Honoree. The individual should be one well versed in the earth science education and should have, over the years, extended services to individuals, societies, and the public in matters related to our hobby and earth sciences in general. The individual should be one who has shared his or her knowledge of earth sciences with the layman and the rockhound. The person need not be a member of a SCFMS society.

A letter of nomination should be sent with reasons for nominating this person **to the current SCFMS Executive Vice-president. See your current SCFMS directory for contact information.** Documentation of the individual's background, education, and contributions must be submitted. The nominee should supply this information. Other nominations may be received, so the more information you can send, the better the chances will be for selection. Nominees not selected will be kept for future consideration.

The Honoree is selected by a committee consisting of the SCFMS Executive Vice-president, the current SCFMS President, and the immediate Past-President. The name and contact information for the Honoree must be sent to AFMS about January 15 each year, so **NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE V.P. BY OCTOBER.**