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AAPG Foundation Awards More Than \$200,000 in Field Camp Scholarships, Doubling Support for the Next Generation of Geoscientists

67 undergraduate students from 46 universities across 24 states selected to receive comprehensive scholarship packages for summer 2026 field camps

TULSA, Okla. — Building on the momentum of its inaugural class, the AAPG Foundation has awarded 67 Field Camp Scholarships totaling more than \$200,000 to support undergraduate geoscience students attending field camp in summer 2026. The class of 2026 scholars represents a more than twofold increase over the Foundation’s first cohort, reflecting surging demand for hands-on geoscience training and the Foundation’s commitment to expanding access.

The Foundation received 106 eligible applications in 2026. Scholarship recipients were selected from 46 universities — ranging from private liberal arts colleges to large state research institutions — spanning 24 states, demonstrating the broad interest and reach of the program.

Each Field Camp Scholar receives a comprehensive support package designed to remove financial barriers and equip students with professional-grade tools:

- **\$3,000 scholarship** to offset field camp tuition and travel costs
- Inscribed backpack and field notebook
- Complete field work supply kit
- **GeoLite™ Transit** surveying instrument, manufactured by Brunton, Inc.

“Gaining the knowledge and skills to safely explore and study our planet is an essential part of being a geoscientist. Demand for field camp support continues to grow, and this year the Trustees more than doubled the number of scholarships we were able to award.”

— Kim Parsons, AAPG Foundation Trustee Associate and Chair, Field Camp Review Committee

“Field camp is a formative experience where the principles learned in the classroom reveal themselves in the outcrops in front of you. Those rocks tell a story — and every aspiring geoscientist deserves the chance to read it.”

— Valary Schulz, AAPG Foundation Trustee and Treasurer

ABOUT THE AAPG FOUNDATION

Established in 1967, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing geoscience education and research. The Foundation supports educational and research programs to benefit the geological profession and the public, with emphasis on petroleum and energy geoscience, energy minerals, and environmental geoscience. For more information about the AAPG Foundation and its programs, visit **aapgfoundation.org**.

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