

NGWREF Scholarships Awarded

The National Ground Water Research and Educational Foundation recently awarded \$25,000 (USD) from its Len Assante Scholarship Fund to 12 students. Each of the scholarship recipients are entering a field of study that serves, supports, or promotes the groundwater professions.

Frederick Mierow of Dripping Springs, TX, received the Past President's Award, the top scholarship presented to the most qualified of the applicants. Mierow, who received \$4,000, will be studying geography with a water resources concentration at Texas State University. Sarah Vitale of Manchester, CT and **Kendall Karcher** of Satellite Beach, FL, both received a \$3,500 Ora Lyons Award. Vitale is working on her PhD in hydrogeology at the University of Connecticut; Karcher will be studying environmental science at Florida Gulf Coast University in the fall.

Jay Kim of Kalamazoo, MI, received the first Richard Haderer Award of \$3,000. Kim is working on his Master's Degree in glacial geology and hydrogeology at Western Michigan University. The Haderer Scholarship was established in 2016 by Paul Haderer in honor of his late brother, Richard. The other scholarship recipients, their areas of study and schools, are:

Rebecca Anderson, Earth science, Ohio State University, \$1,000
Ian Beckley, environmental science, undecided, \$1,000
Nicholas Budde, hydrology, St. Cloud State University, \$1,000
Joy Kiefer, geosciences, Western Michigan University, \$1,000
Benjamin Magnin, geology, undecided, \$2,500
Gary McGaughey, geological engineering, University of Nevada, Reno, \$1,000
Kayla Moore, civil engineering/groundwater, University of Manitoba, \$2,500
Julia Reese, civil engineering/water resources, University of Idaho, \$1,000.

Groundwater Grant Applications Sought

The foundation announced it is seeking grant applications for groundwater research projects, as well as water supply projects and educational programs in both developing nations and the US. Its Board of Directors recently approved \$15,000 for research grants, \$35,000 for developing nations grants, and \$10,000 for grants from the USA Groundwater Fund. Applications are being accepted now through June 30, with grant awards scheduled to be announced on or before October 1. Applicants should be a 501(c)(3) or equivalent.

[Research grants](#). The Groundwater Research Fund provides funding for cutting-edge research projects that stimulate new knowledge, information, programs, and products to advance groundwater science and technology. In turn, the research should also enhance the future effectiveness of the groundwater professions and maximize groundwater's benefit to society. The Foundation has specific interest in research that focuses on groundwater sustainability.

[Developing nations grants](#). The Developing Nations Fund provides small assistance grants to benefit the quality of life for people without access to plentiful potable groundwater. Funds can be used for a groundwater supply grant or a water well system-related education and training program. The dollar-for-dollar matching grants are for qualified projects in a low-income, developing, or Third World nation as defined by the World Bank or some other equivalent international body, such as the United Nations. Applicants for groundwater supply projects should have a history of not less than three years of demonstrated success in projects for potable groundwater drinking supply.

[US groundwater grants](#). The USA Groundwater Fund was established to help meet groundwater needs in the United States. The fund has a three-part purpose: education and training of groundwater professionals, public education and awareness, and support of construction projects to improve supply of potable water to communities and individuals in the United States.

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