Memphis Area Geographic Information Council
Academic Scholarship Program

Purpose: Education is a central component of the Memphis Area Geographic Information Council’s (MAGIC) mission. The purpose of the MAGIC Academic Scholarship program is to encourage and support students’ education through the completion of commendable GIS projects.

MAGIC hopes to award one $2000 scholarship annually, available to any qualifying undergraduate student enrolled in a college or university in the area served by MAGIC.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- The applicant must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled and in good standing at a college or university in the area served by MAGIC.
- The applicant must be enrolled Full-Time, or at a minimum must have completed at least 12 credit hours in consecutive semesters.
- Applicants may be from any academic discipline; however, the project undertaken must involve GIS.
- The applicant must submit a completed application.
- The applicant must be available to give a presentation (in person or virtual) on his or her work during the MAGIC conference on November 18-19, 2021.
- MAGIC will be given permission to use the resulting project materials, copies of the materials, or make reference to the materials, to promote the scholarship program and to advance the mission of MAGIC. Actual ownership of resulting materials will remain with the applicant.
- MAGIC Board members, Scholarship subcommittee members, and their immediate family members are ineligible to apply.

Preference will be given to projects based in the Midsouth area.

Deadlines and Evaluation: The deadline for submitting completed written applications is Friday, October 22, 2021. The MAGIC Scholarship subcommittee will evaluate and score all written applications based on the information provided by the applicant and select the scholarship finalists, who will be notified by Friday, October 29, 2021. Finalists must give a 20-minute presentation (in person or virtual) outlining their project/work on Friday, November 19 (Day 2 of the MAGIC Conference).
Presentations will be evaluated and scored by the Scholarship subcommittee. The MAGIC Board of Directors will award one scholarship, based on the recommendations of the Scholarship subcommittee. The Board reserves the right to withhold scholarships if requirements or eligibility are not met. Announcement of the scholarship award will be made at the closing session of the MAGIC Conference (the closing session is typically scheduled at the end of day two of the conference). Disbursement schedule is at the Board’s discretion.

Applications, as well as scoring criteria for both the written application and presentation, are available at the MAGIC website:  http://www.midsouthgis.org/

**Scholarship Application Guidelines**

Please complete the MAGIC Academic Scholarship Program Application Form and submit it along with a written application including the following:

1. Description of the project – limit of 3 pages.
   - A statement of the purpose of the project and its objectives. Include a statement pertaining to the originality of work or whether the research is part of a group project, research with professor, etc. If the project is part of a group effort or ongoing research, please state how your work contributed to the overall effort.
   - A description of the methods that will be or have been used to accomplish the objectives.
   - The significance of the project.

2. Personal Statement – limit to 1 page.
   - A statement of your plans as they relate to educational and career objectives and how those plans relate to GIS.

3. One letter of recommendation.
   - Must be from a teacher, faculty member, or administrator.

4. Proof of Enrollment.
   - A copy of your complete unofficial transcript.

Applications can be submitted to: scholarship@midsouthgis.org

**Written Application Deadline is October 22, 2021.**
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Name:
________________________________________________________________________
(Last)      (First)         (Middle)

Title of Project:  __________________________________________________________

Permanent Address:  ______________________________________________________

Daytime Telephone Number:  ______________________________

Email:  __________________________________________________

Expected Date of Graduation:  _______________________________

Letter of Support
Please indicate the name and contact information of your supporter below.

Name:  ____________________________ Position:  ____________________________
Address:  _______________________________________________________

E-Mail:  ____________________________ Phone:  ____________________________

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I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate.  I also understand
that I will be expected to do a presentation (in-person or virtual) on my project during the
MAGIC Conference, held November 18-19, 2021.

Signature:  ____________________________ Date:  ____________________________