

**BLAZING THE TRAIL FOR FUTURE GEOSCIENTISTS—
 THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

When the SEG Foundation began awarding scholarships to budding geoscientists in 1956, the trail was blazed for securing the future of the next generation of geoscientists. Since then, the SEG Foundation has been in the business of growing the future faces in the geoscience community and, to date, more than \$6 million has gone to thousands of the top geoscience students around the world. The global reach of our scholarship program, reflecting SEG’s membership distribution, is a primary reason why it is recognized as the most prestigious scholarship program for aspiring geophysicists.

This year, the Scholarship Committee reviewed applications from nearly 500 qualified students as it deliberated how to allocate the money (a total of \$466,237) in 68 different scholarship funds. Ultimately, the Scholarship Committee chose 140 students to share in the distribution of \$459,237. Many scholarships are restricted, and vary widely in their terms, amounts, and focus. Therefore, part of the Scholarship Committee’s challenge was to match the most deserving students to the appropriate scholarships, commensurate with their ranking.

Funding for the SEG Foundation Scholarship Program comes from many sources, such as gifts from SEG members, their employers, SEG Sections and Associated Societies, and memorial funds in honor of colleagues, friends, and families of geophysicists now gone. An exciting recent example is the endowment established in honor of Michael T. Spradley (see related article).

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation deserves much credit for the program’s growth. Anadarko’s annual contribution provides nearly 35% of this year’s scholarship funding. Anadarko made a five-year commitment to the SEG Foundation

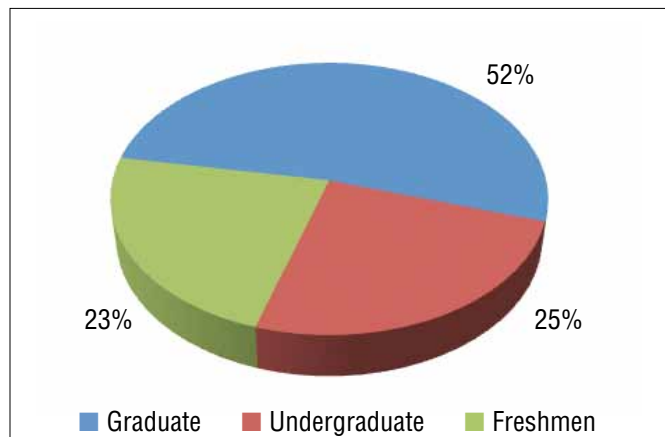


Figure 1. SEG Foundation scholarships are available to students at all levels of study.



Figure 2. SEG Foundation scholarships are increasingly global in their impact.

SEG Foundation announces the Michael T. Spradley Memorial Scholarship



Mike’s career spanned 42 years while he worked for WesternGeco and Fairfield Nodal. Mike doodlebugged in every corner of the world.

He started in the geophysical industry by utilizing his experience with sonobuoys in antisubmarine warfare and was instrumental in developing the first radio telemetry data acquisition system at Aquatronics. His experience and knowledge of shallow-water data acquisition was so well known that at the 2007 SEG Annual Meeting, Mike was honored as a Living Legend within the seismic industry.

He will always be remembered for his jokes and unbelievable tales, the hilarious cartoons he drew for his friends, and an uncanny recall of everyone’s birthday or other personal information anyone else would find trivial. He was always eager to help anyone in need.

In honor of his father, Trent Spradley and family friend John Stein have established an SEG Foundation endowment for the Michael T. Spradley Memorial Scholarship. The Spradley family extends their deepest appreciation to the many who have already contributed to this scholarship endowment. Additional memorial donations can be sent to the SEG Foundation (8801 S. Yale Ave., Suite 500, Tulsa, OK 74137, USA).

Scholarship program in September 2006 to raise the profile of geophysics as a career option at U.S. universities through the award of substantial scholarships, and thereby to increase the number of talented graduates. Since the formation of the Anadarko/SEG Scholarship, 127 scholarships, totaling \$740,000, have been awarded to 93 students at 54 universities in the United States.

“Scholarships I received over the years through the SEG Foundation and its donors (Anadarko, John R. Butler) facilitated my graduate experience enormously by providing financial assistance for educational and research activities. More importantly, these scholarships enabled me to establish a good network with other geophysicists and companies involved in geophysical exploration, which will be beneficial for my future career. As I am approaching the final stage of my graduate studies, I hope I will get an opportunity to take part in the SEG Foundation activities in the future, by facilitating new generations of students to build even stronger ties with the geophysics community, ultimately contributing to overall advancements of the Earth exploration as a whole.”

—SONJA SPASOJEVIC

*Graduate student, California Institute of Technology
SEG/Anadarko Scholarship 2009–2010*

Apache Corporation, another far-sighted corporate leader, established a \$500,000 scholarship endowment in 2008. Seismic Exchange Inc. (SEI) must also be congratulated on its recent gift of \$150,000 to a scholarship endowment in honor of founder P. C. Havens.

Because of the generous support of our individual and corporate donors, budding geoscientists have been able to stay on the path toward a career in geoscience. Many of these students have expressed their gratitude for these scholarships, which have played a pivotal role in their decision to become the future faces in the global, geoscience community.

“Earning an SEG scholarship not only means that I obtain funds to attend my dream university, but it also shows that I have support from the scientists I one day hope to become. Such support drastically raises my confidence in my studies and research involving geophysics. SEG scholarships are outstanding awards.”

—EMILY TURSACK

*Graduate student, Brown University
SEG/Anadarko Scholarship 2009–2010*

Through the successful efforts of our passionate donors and devoted volunteers, the SEG Foundation is working diligently to attract talented young people to careers in the geophysical profession. These students are the future voices and leaders in the global geoscience community, and your sustained support of this distinguished program enables you to directly impact the lives of eager students all over the world. With your help, we reach out to exceptional students with a passion for solving Earth’s mysteries and help them earn their rightful places as geophysical leaders of the future. For a full list of the SEG Foundation’s current scholarship awards, please visit www.seg.org/scholarshipdonors. **TLE**

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- SEG/David W. Worthington Scholarship
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