



Gboyega Ayeni,  
PhD Candidate, Stanford University

*"By providing funding to support geophysics students, the Anadarko SEG Scholarship program is not only helping secure the future of our profession, it is also helping students (including me) achieve our dreams."*

*"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  
Brown University

*"Recently, someone asked me what accomplishment I am most proud of and without hesitation I responded, "When I received the Anadarko Scholarship through the SEG Foundation". You see it is that vote of confidence, a belief in me to succeed, that helped sustain me this past year while balancing the challenges I faced."*

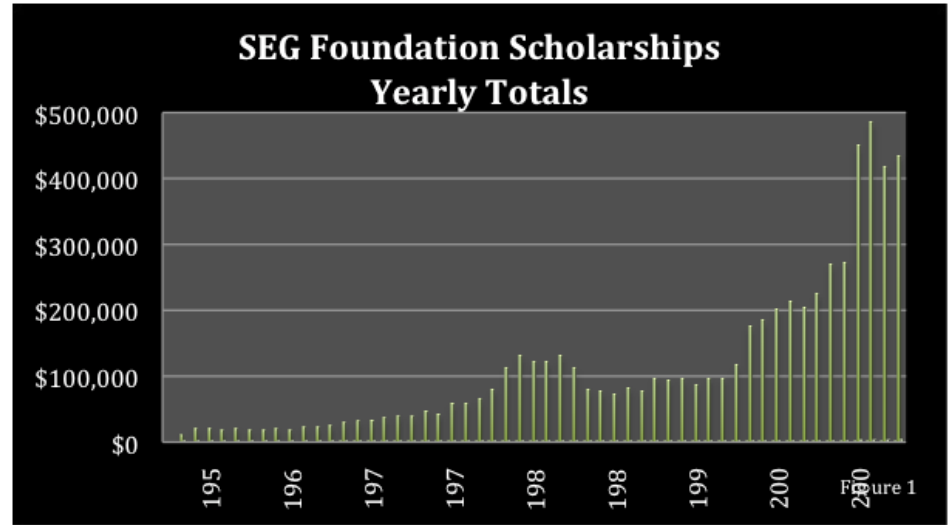


Taylor Wyss,  
Colorado School of Mines

*"I think that the SEG Scholarship Program is great- it really helped me out a lot during graduate school. Hopefully someday I'll be able to help someone else through the program."*

Ben Drenth, PhD from  
University of Oklahoma  
Geophysicist, US Geological Survey

**Facts:** In 2010 there were 72 different SEG scholarships available to deserving students, about two-thirds had donor restrictions.



Since 1957 the SEG Foundation Scholarship program has grown (Figure 1). We've awarded \$6,092,693 cumulatively to 4258 students (Figure 2).

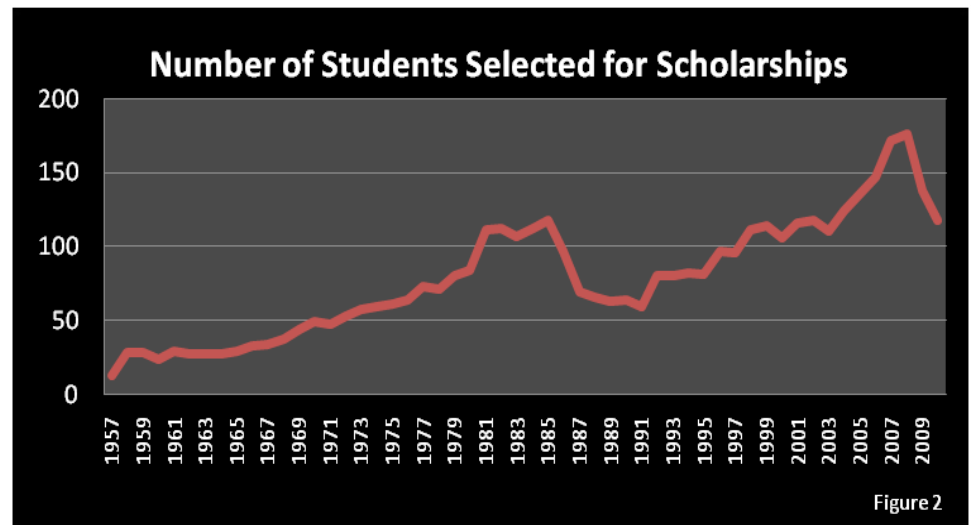
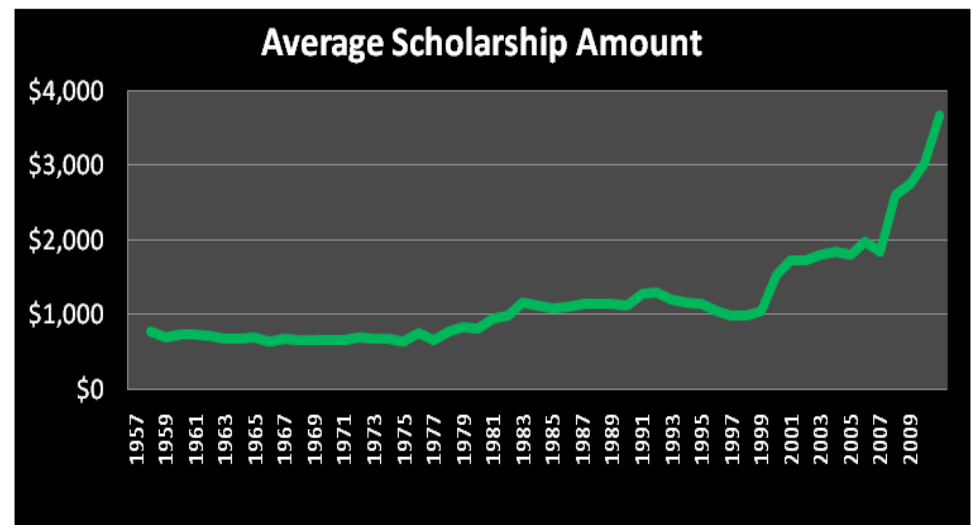


Figure 2



In 2010, the average SEG scholarship was \$3594 US Dollars. This increasing trend would not be possible without the support of our many very generous donors. For a complete list of donors, please visit [www.seg.org/scholarshipdonors](http://www.seg.org/scholarshipdonors).



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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Advancing Geophysics Today — Inspiring Geoscientists For Tomorrow



**WHO:** students pursuing a college curriculum directed toward a career in applied geophysics or a closely related field.

**WHAT:** a merit based college scholarship program

**WHY:** to encourage the study of geophysics and related geosciences and recognize students demonstrating outstanding academic merit.

**HOW MUCH:** Scholarships range from \$500 to \$14,000 USD per academic year

**WHEN:**

September – March: applications accepted

March – April: applications reviewed and scholarships assigned

May: applicants notified of results

May – September: enrollments verified; acceptance documents completed and funds distributed

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The SEG Foundation has been in the business of growing exceptional geophysicists for more than 50 years. Since the very first SEG scholarship was awarded in 1956, our scholarship program has provided more than USD \$6 million to thousands of the best geoscience students in the world. With the help of SEG Scholarships, many of these students have assumed leadership roles in our Society and are paying it forward to the next generation of young geophysicists today.

How do we fund all of these scholarships? Generous gifts from SEG members, their employers, SEG Sections and Associated Societies, and through memorial funds (colleagues, friends, and families of geophysicists now gone) sustain the SEG Foundation Scholarship Program. This year Anadarko Petroleum Corporation deserves a great deal of credit for the program's success. Anadarko's annual programmatic contribution, which is not affected by fluctuations in our investment portfolio, provides nearly 35% of this year's scholarship funds. Apache is another important corporate leader due to its recent \$500,000 scholarship endowment.

Volunteers play a critical role in the success of our scholarship program. Eight geophysicists comprise the review committee. They spend countless hours reviewing hundreds of applications and mountains of essays, transcripts, and recommendation letters. In fact, describing these SEG members as "dedicated" is an understatement. Committee members serve an eight-year term, which involves giving significantly of their own time, talent, and energy for the benefit of the greater geophysical community.

The dynamic global growth of SEG membership was reflected in the pool of 2010–2011 scholarship recipients representing citizenship in 27 countries and universities in 18 countries. The program—true to its dual mission of "attracting the best and brightest high school and college students into the study of and a career in geophysics and related geosciences, and recognizing excellence in students who are currently committed to the study of and a career in geophysics and related geosciences"—is clearly attracting talented students no matter what their nationality.

### Thank You to Our Donors

*"The SEG Foundation advances geophysics today and inspires geoscientists for tomorrow through funding innovative activities and grant programs that benefit geophysicists, their professional community, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and the general public."*