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USGIF Accepting Applications for Annual Scholarship Program

Foundation offers a variety of scholarship opportunities for college students

Herndon, Virginia (November 13, 2019)—The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) announced the opening of its <u>2020 Scholarship Program</u> earlier this month. Every year, USGIF awards scholarships of various amounts to exceptional students studying geospatial sciences and related fields. In total, USGIF has awarded more than \$1.3 million in scholarships since the program began in 2004. Graduating high school seniors, undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students are invited to apply.

"As a 501(c)3 educational foundation, USGIF has an important role in supporting and guiding students who hold high academic and career promise, and to expose them to geospatial intelligence careers," said USGIF Director of Academic Programs Dr. Camelia Kantor. "Scholarships are a great way for USGIF and our community to give back while also helping to create a pathway into our field. Our scholarships go beyond monetary support. The Foundation has several mechanisms in place; such as complimentary membership, conference participation, and connections with potential employers to further expose our scholarship recipients to other career opportunities."

In addition to USGIF Scholarships at each of the four academic levels, the Foundation offers three specialized scholarships:

- The Stu Shea USGIF Endowed Scholarship—A \$15,000 scholarship awarded to one Ph.D. student studying cartography, geography, or imaging science. This award, named for one of the founders of USGIF, is funded by the USGIF Board of Directors.
- The Ken Miller Scholarship for Advanced Remote Sensing Applications—A \$10,000 scholarship awarded to one master's degree student in partnership with USGIF Organizational Member Riverside Research.
- The RGi Scholarship for Geospatial and Engineering—A \$10,000 scholarship awarded to one undergraduate student who has an interest in engineering and geospatial disciplines. This scholarship is made possible by USGIF Organizational Member Reinventing Geospatial Inc. (RGi).

To learn more about the scholarship program, please visit <u>usgif.org/education/scholarships</u>. Applications may be submitted <u>here</u>.

The deadline to apply for a USGIF Scholarship, the Ken Miller Scholarship, and the RGi Scholarship is **May 15**. Applications for the Stu Shea Scholarship are due **Feb. 28**.

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