Donovan Family Scholarship Guidelines

Donovan Family Scholarships are available to all students who are formally affiliated with degree programs sponsored by the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. The scholarships are to be used to encourage student participation in learning activities that add value to the student’s educational program. Examples include: participation in conferences, participation in field courses, travel to assist another student or faculty member in field research, participation in professional short courses, research projects conducted on-campus or off-campus that are not otherwise funded. Under current financial market conditions, it is possible to award three $500 scholarships per calendar year.

• An individual student may receive no more than 2 Donovan Family Scholarships during their completion of any single degree program, and no more than once each 2 years.

• Graduate students should first avail themselves of other sources of funds appropriate to the activity (e.g., their advisor’s sponsored research and discretionary funds and the Graduate School conference funds.) Graduate students may request Donovan Family Scholarships as additions to their summer stipends only if the applicant’s advisor does not have sufficient grant or discretionary funding available to fully pay the student, determined by the department finance coordinator.

• Undergraduate students should first seek support of research projects through their home college (i.e., CALS students through Hatch funds; A&S students through the college dean’s office; Engineering students through the Engineering Learning Initiatives office.)

• Preference will be given to students whose activities represent a learning activity which is new to them, and when there is no other known campus source of sponsorship.

Application Timeline:
Early in the semester for fall or spring scholarship awards; early May for summer scholarship awards.

Each request must include a clear and detailed justification for the amount being requested. Applicant should include a description of the activity for which the scholarship is being sought, destination if travel is involved, and anticipated expenses (use Donovan Family Scholarship Request Form).

Please help us preserve this valued resource for as long as possible by first seeking support from other sources before applying to the Donovan Family Fund. For extenuating circumstances, please see the Department Chair.