Graduate Education at South Dakota Mines
Nelson Fellowship Application Form
Award for Academic Year 2023-2024

The Joseph Nelson fellowship is awarded to a deserving MS or PhD student. One recipient will be selected. The award for the academic year is $3,600 and will be divided between the fall and spring semesters.

Each program may submit one nomination (programs with an MS and PhD option are considered as one program). Applicants should be in good academic standing with exceptional qualities. Nominees must be enrolled in (or admitted to for the summer or fall 2023 semester) a graduate program at South Dakota Mines; priority will be given to nominees enrolled in a physical science field as defined by the donor (Geology, Meteorology, or Physics emphasis). Preference in nomination should be given to students with financial need. Recipients must be enrolled during the award period (2 credits each for fall and spring semesters).

Student information:

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(Family name) (First name) (Middle name) (Student ID)

Enrollment Status: _ M.S. student _ Ph.D. Student

Degree program enrolled in:_ _____

Nominating program representative: _____

Please give a short explanation of financial need, and list anticipated or existing scholarships, fellowships, or assistantship support.

Required application materials:
Please submit the following documents along with this application form. Transcripts will be reviewed as part of the application package. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

- one page resume that addresses the award criteria listed below.
- one page nomination letter from a South Dakota Mines faculty member (Head, Program Coordinator, Major Professor, etc.)

Submit this application and required materials via email to GradOffice@sdsmt.edu before the close of business on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

General Award criteria: Fellowship applications will be reviewed based on the criteria listed below, as well as financial need. Evidence of scholarly excellence and/or potential includes (but are not limited to) classroom success, excellence in scholarly projects, presentations and publications, demonstrating a high level of initiative on a research project. Leadership qualities can include (but are not limited to) developing creative ways to present materials in class (innovative lab assignments, incorporation of new technology into classroom, etc.), involvement in department activities and functions, creating an atmosphere that causes other students to perform at a higher level.

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