

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS)  
Jon and Lucille Sams Memorial College Scholarship Fund  
(wamsi.net)

Purpose

The purpose of the fund is to provide a scholarship(s) to the successful applicant(s) who meets the guidelines for the pursuit of furthering their education in the geologic sciences. The scholarship award will be made on an annual basis (in July) as determined by the Scholarship committee. This year the committee has approximately \$2,500 to distribute in total to successful applicant(s).

Eligibility

1. The application is open to students in Oregon applying to college to further their education in the earth sciences.
2. The applicant must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.8

Application

1. The applicant must submit a written request on the WAMS Scholarship form; additional sheets may be attached if needed.
2. The applicants proposed course of study must be geology related.
3. Provide a transcript, in a sealed envelope from the applicants High School or college as appropriate.
4. Provide a letter of recommendation from a non-related adult, with knowledge of the applicant, which provides information regarding the applicants: 1) interest in geology and the earth sciences, 2) general character and 3) commitment to achieving their goals.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by the scholarship committee no later than June 5, 2026. Mail completed applications to: WAMS – P.O. Box 13041- Salem, OR – 97309-1041  
Email applications to [info@wamsi.net](mailto:info@wamsi.net)

Notification

The award recipient(s) will be notified in July.

Use of Funds

1. Awards must be used during the 2026/2027 school year.
2. Funds will be issued directly to the college where the recipient is enrolled.

Continuation of the Scholarship Program

A recipient must apply annually to be considered for future scholarships. The Scholarship committee makes no guarantees or promises that past recipients will receive future awards.

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society  
College Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief description of the course of study for the scholarship request, include any documentation or brochures from the School.

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Why should WAMS consider you for this scholarship award?

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What, if any, is your experience with the hobby of rock hounding :

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_