

Applying for Earth Science Scholarships

1. When you start the application process, you need to determine if you have to select your college. Current UNI students should already have this preselected, but you never know with this system. If the view at the first page of the application form looks like this –

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The USA can be updated after submission!
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New students do not have to be officially admitted but must have an Application for Admission on file.

Deadlines

with no colleges listed below your name bar, then you need to go to the very bottom of the initial page (also found by clicking the *Start* tab shown above) and select **Humanities, Arts and Sciences** as is shown below, and then press **Save & Continue**.

****BEGIN BY CHOOSING YOUR COLLEGES****

Majors are listed by College. Click the college name below to find your major. Then choose up to two (2) colleges.

Prefer not to select a college

Business Administration

Education**

Humanities Arts and Sciences

Social and Behavioral Sciences

* If you are a Secondary Education major with minors be sure to select the College of Education and the college of your emphasis or minor.

*Physical Education majors with a Health minor click only the College of Education.

Save & Continue

You may log back in at any time to finish your application

After that, you should have the following at the top of each page you go to –

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2. Continue to fill out each part of the application including personal information, prior education, resume and so forth. **NOTE:** If you are an incoming high school student with college credits, you are still classified as a **New Freshman**. Even if you have 40 credits worth of material from a community college, but you are still in high school, you need to select New Freshman. Only students who are currently *only* attending colleges/universities other than UNI qualify as **New Transfer**. Of course, if you have no college credits and are currently a high school student, then you are a **New Freshman**.

It is best if you upload a thorough resume that includes information about prior work experience, any special skills, awards, volunteer work, and the names of references. There is no preferred format or structure to the resume, and standard word processing formats that you can upload are Microsoft Word, PDF, or RTF files.

3. After filling out the general background material, you get to the University Scholarships and the college specific scholarship page. Carefully read the instructions and answer the questions. If any scholarship requires a specific essay, write and upload the essay – your scholarship **will** depend upon it!

These instructions do not cover the University Scholarships in detail, but if you want to be considered for any of the scholarships listed at the top of that page, such as those shown below, you need to check the box next to the name and then press the **Choose Division(s)** button. This will refresh the screen and provide additional places for you to input material. For example, if you want to apply for a Presidential Scholarship, you need to select that option, press **Choose Division(s)** and then fill out that part of the form.

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University Scholarships Addendum

In the General University Scholarships addendum, you can apply for individual scholarships and/or apply for general university scholarships.

If you would like to submit this application to specific areas/departments, please check those here and click "Choose Division(s)". The requirements (essays, letters of recommendation, etc) for the division(s) you have chosen will then appear. You must complete ALL listed requirements for each area chosen in order to be considered for scholarships within that area/department. To view the scholarships available in each area/department, click on the area/department listed below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Basheer Nijim International Student Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Carver Scholars Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Sue Follon Scholarship for Women in Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General University Scholarships
<input type="checkbox"/> Nontraditional Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Presidential Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Disability Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Study Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> UNI Alumni Association Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> UNI Dining Service Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> UNIPA (University of Northern Iowa Parents Association) Scholarship

4. **Natural Science Scholarships – This is the important bit....** There are going to be two sets of instructions here, one for incoming (new to UNI) students and one for students currently at UNI. So make sure you follow the correct set of instructions.

NEW STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

You need only fill out the application in the General Natural Sciences Scholarship Section for incoming students. Make sure that this section is checked on the top of the page – it should be by default, so don't un-check it.

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Science, Technology and Mathematics (STM) Addendum

In the STM addendum, you can apply for general scholarships within Natural Sciences and specific scholarships within you major/minor department.

If you would like to submit this application to specific areas/departments, please check those here and click "Choose Division(s)". The requirements (essays, letters of recommendation, etc) for the division(s) you have chosen will then appear. You must complete ALL listed requirements for each area chosen in order to be considered for scholarships within that area/department. To view the scholarships available in each area/department, click on the area/department listed below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry and Biochemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Natural Sciences Scholarships	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics
<input type="checkbox"/> Science Teaching			

Choose Division(s)

And then fill out the remainder of the section for incoming students that is provided immediately below this. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILL OUT ANY OTHER PART OF THE NATURAL SCIENCE APPLICATION.** If you check the “Earth Science” option in the menu shown above, the instructions will basically tell you to fill out the form in the general scholarship section.

The “Science, Technology, and Mathematics Scholarship (STM)” is open to all incoming students and this is the only part of Natural Science scholarship page you need to fill out. In this form you **must** do the following –

- Select “Earth Science” as is shown in the image on the next page.
- Send copies of your high school transcripts to the Scholarship coordinator
- Complete and upload the essay that is requested, which in this case is the third essay option (unless you also want to be considered for the industrial technology and biology scholarships)
- Have two letters of recommendation sent to the scholarship coordinator – make sure these are from people who are familiar with your Earth Science skills and interests. Letters from your current employer may not be helpful, especially if that job has nothing to do with the earth sciences.
- The FAFSA application is not required for the Earth Science scholarship, but it may be helpful for other scholarships, so you should also do that.
- Applying for admission to UNI is of course required – if you don't come to UNI, you will not get any UNI scholarships.

General Science, Technology and Mathematics Scholarships

To be eligible for additional departmental scholarships, you must select a division in the box above and complete the specified requirements for that area.

For incoming freshmen and transfer students who will major in STM:

Science, Technology, and Mathematics Scholarships (STM)

For incoming new freshmen/transfer students who will major in the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, Industrial Technology, Mathematics or Physics. A completed form for the CNS STM Scholarships will also make you eligible for all incoming student scholarships offered by the above listed departments.

Deadline: February 15

Please select the department(s) you are interested in:

- Biology
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Earth Science
- Computer Science
- Industrial Technology
- Mathematics
- Physics

Complete application includes:

1. UNiversity Scholarship Application for Undergraduate Students.
2. Latest transcripts from all high schools and/or colleges (send to the address below).
3. Respond to one of the following two questions based upon your prospective major:
 - a. **For Prospective Industrial Technology Majors:** Why am I choosing a major in the Department of Industrial Technology (Approximately 2-3 pages). **Upload My Response**
 - b. **For Prospective Biology Majors:** Explain your education and career goals and your motivation for achieving these goals. (One page essay.) **Upload My Response**
 - c. **For all other prospective STM Majors:** Describe your personal career and educational goals in the areas of science, technology or mathematics and how you will attain those at UNI (Approximately 2-3 pages). **Upload My Response**
4. Two letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a teacher - to be sent to the address below).
5. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
6. A complete application for admission to UNI.
7. Qualified applicants may be asked to come to an on-campus test or interview in February.
8. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail of awards.

Transcripts and letters of recommendation should be sent to:

Scholarship Coordinator
266 CAC
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0181
Fax: 319-273-2731

Further down the page there is a reddish block that says “**After reading the requirements of the scholarship(s) in this section do you wish to continue to submit your information to General College of Natural Sciences Scholarships? Before continuing, make sure all required information is complete (including uploaded essays). Yes No**”. If everything is ready to go, then select **Yes** and continue on down to the bottom of the page and press the **Save & Continue** button.

That is all you need to do to be eligible for an Earth Science Scholarship if you are a new student to UNI (current high school, or transfer student). If you are applying for scholarships in more than one science area, then all of the departments you selected in the STM section shown above will be looking at your application (including your essay).

You can go back and change any parts of the application later, but make sure you make any necessary changes before any scholarship deadlines.

CURRENT UNI STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

If you want to be eligible for any “college” level awards, make sure you keep the General Natural Sciences Scholarship Section activated. It should be selected initially, and it is in your best interests to keep it like that even if you don’t apply for a specific scholarship. To activate the Earth Science scholarships, also select the Earth Science option and press the “Choose Division(s)” button. If you are applying for any scholarships in other departments in the natural sciences, you’ll have to select those as well. So at a bare minimum, your selections should appear as shown below.

The screenshot shows the 'Science, Technology and Mathematics (STM) Addendum' section of the application. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Help, Start, Personal, Prior Education, UNI, Resumé, and Review. Below these, the student's name (Siobahn Morgan) and UNI ID (406575) are displayed. The 'Natural Sciences' tab is selected. The main heading is 'Science, Technology and Mathematics (STM) Addendum'. Below this, there is a text box explaining that in the STM addendum, you can apply for general scholarships within Natural Sciences and specific scholarships within your major/minor department. A red-bordered box contains instructions: 'If you would like to submit this application to specific areas/departments, please check those here and click "Choose Division(s)". The requirements (essays, letters of recommendation, etc) for the division(s) you have chosen will then appear. You must complete ALL listed requirements for each area chosen in order to be considered for scholarships within that area/department. To view the scholarships available in each area/department, click on the area/department listed below.' Below this text are several checkboxes for different areas: Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science (checked), General Natural Sciences Scholarships (checked), Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Physics, and Science Teaching. A red arrow points from the text 'Check these' to both the 'General Natural Sciences Scholarships' and 'Earth Science' checkboxes. A 'Choose Division(s)' button is located at the bottom of the red-bordered box.

If you want to apply for General Natural Science Scholarships, fill in the section “For current Science, Technology and Mathematics majors:” as shown below. The first part covers several different scholarships. The Clifford McCollum Scholarship and the McKay Study Abroad Scholarship have specific criteria and you can also apply for those if you want to. Just don’t forget to upload essays where required or provide additional information if necessary.

The screenshot shows the 'For current Science, Technology and Mathematics majors:' section. It starts with a deadline of February 15. Below that, it states that to be eligible for general Science, Technology and Mathematics scholarships, you must complete the following: 1. UNiversity Scholarship Application for Undergraduate Students. 2. Provide a statement of educational and career goals, as well as your contributions to your department and the University (such as working in a lab, honor society, volunteering, etc.) **Upload My Statement**. 3. Answer the three questions below. The 'Upload My Statement' link is highlighted with a red box. Below the list are three questions with radio button options: 'Are you planning on enrolling for graduate study?', 'Are you a U.S. citizen?', and 'Have you participated in an Electrathon Competition? If so describe your experience (limit 2 pages). Upload My Statement'. The 'Upload My Statement' link is also highlighted in red. Below these questions, it lists 'The following scholarships require additional materials (as stated below):' and then details the '1. Clifford McCollum Scholarship (for current UNI students only)' and '2. McKay Study Abroad Scholarship (for current UNI students only)'. At the bottom, there is a red-bordered box with the text: 'After reading the requirements of the scholarship(s) in this section do you wish to continue to submit your information to General College of Natural Sciences Scholarships? Before continuing, make sure all required information is complete (including uploaded essays).' with 'Yes' and 'No' radio button options.

At the very end of this section there is a Yes-No question which should be answered – make sure you have everything ready before continuing on.

The current Earth Science students section is shown below. If this doesn't appear, it means you did not select "Earth Science" and press "Choose Division(s)" as instructed on the previous page.

Earth Science

For additional Earth Science scholarships, complete the General Natural Sciences scholarships division. Earth Science Teaching majors should also complete the General Science Teaching application.

For incoming UNI Earth Science majors
Complete the NS Science, Technology and Mathematics (STM) Scholarship application located in the General Natural Sciences scholarship division. This will make you eligible for all incoming (freshmen/transfer) scholarships offered by the Earth Science Department.

For current UNI Earth Science majors and minors
Completing this section will make you eligible for all Earth Science scholarships
Deadline: February 15
A complete scholarship application must include the following:

1. UNiversity Scholarship Application for Undergraduate Students
2. Essay explaining education and career goals and your motivation for achieving these goals (one page maximum). Upload My Essay
3. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for some scholarships.
4. Answer the following questions:
 - Yes No Have you worked as a lab assistant?
 - Yes No Are you an active member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon?
 - Yes No Are you interested in conducting undergraduate research with an Earth Science Department faculty member?
 - Yes No Are you planning on attending a geology field camp during summer 2012?
5. Provide the names of two faculty members most familiar with your academic performance in Earth Science.
Faculty Member: Faculty Member:

Answer These

After reading the requirements of the scholarship(s) in this section do you wish to continue to submit your information to Earth Science? Before continuing, make sure all required information is complete (including uploaded essays). Yes No

The requirements here are pretty straightforward, including an essay (this can be similar or the same as a previous essay, so long as it addresses what is required), and various questions. And at the end is the same "Yes-No" question.

At the very bottom of the page is a "Save & Continue" button which will complete the Natural Science section. If necessary, you can go back and change anything, but make sure those changes are made before any of the deadlines for scholarships.