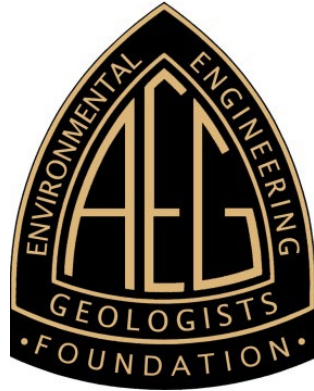


# **AEG FOUNDATION**



## **CHARTER**

### **BEARDSLEY-KUPER GEOLOGY FIELD CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

FUNDING FIELD CAMP COSTS FOR ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
GEOLOGY STUDENTS

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## THE PURPOSE OF AEG FOUNDATION FUND CHARTERS

An AEG Foundation Fund Charter is a document adopted by the Foundation's Board of Directors (Board). It describes (as applicable)

- the history of a fund,
- donor intent,
- the purposes for which the fund may and may not be used,
- the Board's goals for the fund,
- administrative operating criteria, and
- financial operating criteria.

A Fund Charter demonstrates the Board's commitment to prudent management of the Foundation's resources and compliance with applicable accounting and legal standards. Within the framework of AEG Foundation governance, a Fund Charter is a policy document that may be amended or interpreted by the Board through a simple majority vote. A Fund Charter may refer to other documents that further describe the history, nature, and operations of a fund. Significant historical formal resolutions of the Board that apply to a particular fund are attached to the Fund Charter in an appendix.

This Charter revision for the Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund of the AEG Foundation was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the AEG Foundation on January 9, 2023.

By:



Rosalind Munro, Secretary



**FUND CHARTER**  
**BEARDSLEY-KUPER GEOLOGY FIELD CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The AEG Foundation Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund was established by the AEG Foundation on September 22, 2009 to fully or partially reimburse direct costs (tuition, room, and board) associated with Geology Field Camps attended by students. Initial funding was provided by a gift from Ms. Cathryne Beardsley.

The purpose and scope of the AEG Foundation Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund, developed in cooperation with the original donors, are:

*We desire that the Beardsley contribution be designated for a scholarship program for summer geologic field camp studies and be named the **Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund**. We are concerned that numerous colleges are making the summer field camp an elective course in the required geology curriculum and that the role of the field camp as a foundation of the undergraduate experience is fast fading in importance.*

*It is our desire to make this scholarship available to undergraduates and post baccalaureate students on a yearly basis to fund the field camp cost at an accredited school, utilizing both the principal and earnings of the fund. We desire that the students that apply are AEG Student Members, and complete an application similar to the AEG Foundation Tilford and Stout Scholarships, including two professor references and completing an essay discussing their future goals and how the geology summer field camp is applicable.*

*We desire that part of the selection criteria include the field skills taught at the specific accredited school field camp with emphasis on traditional detailed mapping and rock descriptions, as well as newer mapping techniques with GPS and GIS techniques incorporated into the daily routine. Where possible, priority should be given in selection of a student for the award, who would desire to take a field camp preparing the student for the specific occupation as an Engineering or Environmental Geologist, with the field camp teaching engineering and environmental geology techniques such as drilling methods and sampling techniques. We also desire that either the student be given the cash award upon successful completion of the field class or the award paid directly to the school for the student's field camp tuition, including room and board costs.*

The Board finds that the Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund Purpose and Scope made a part of this Fund Charter are consistent with the Foundation's mission and authority. The Board believes that the Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund serves a valid need, supporting students attending geology field camp, that will advance scientific knowledge in the profession of environmental and engineering geology. In adopting this Fund Charter by motion at the AEG Foundation Board meeting on November 11, 2009, the Board accepts the purpose and scope stated above.

Additional information is provided in the attached appendices.

Appendix One	Gift Instrument
Appendix Two	Biographical Information
Appendix Three	Scholarship Recipients
Appendix Four	Board Resolutions and Motions

## **FUND MANAGEMENT AND DONATIONS**

The fund management will be in accordance with the current AEG Foundation Fund Management Policy and subsequent updates. Donations accepted will be in accordance with the current AEG Foundation Gift Acceptance Policy and subsequent updates.

Fund distribution will be in accordance with the Gift Instrument in Appendix One.

## **FUND ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION**

### General Conditions

Scholarships from the AEG Foundation Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund are intended to support costs for geology field camp courses that will be useful to the student's future profession as an engineering or environmental geologist. Scholarships from the Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund may be used by recipients to support the direct costs of the field camp tuition as well as meals and lodging. The Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund does not support the purchase or maintenance costs of field equipment and any costs associated with travel to or from the field camp.

In keeping with the Internal Revenue Code classification of the AEG Foundation as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Foundation will not make scholarships supporting publications that are designed to be used to influence political decisions or processes. The AEG Foundation Board will make all decisions regarding scholarships from the Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund in its sole discretion.

Accounting terminology used in this Fund Charter is intended to conform to Accounting Standards Codification (ASC).

In applying for a scholarship from the AEG Foundation, the scholarship applicant agrees to:

- use the funds received from the AEG Foundation directly for the proposed use;
- use the funds in accordance with applicable law and regulation;
- avoid activities in the use of the funds that would jeopardize the AEG Foundation's tax-exempt status;
- track the receipt and expenditure of scholarship funds in a way that provides a clear audit trail demonstrating compliance with appropriate accounting standards;

- provide the Foundation with a written final report that documents and describes the geology field camp experience and demonstrates compliance with scholarship conditions;
- acknowledge the support of the AEG Foundation in any publications and presentations that make use of the work supported by the scholarship; and
- provide the Foundation with one paper copy or offprint of any publication that incorporates work supported by the scholarship, and with references to any electronic publication that incorporates work supported by the scholarship.

Beardsley-Kuper Scholarships are not payment for services and are intended by the Foundation to be “qualified scholarships” as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. The AEG Foundation shall issue IRS Forms 1099 to scholarship recipients in accordance with IRS regulations. Recipients will be asked to provide the necessary information for the AEG Foundation to complete the Form 1099 upon receipt of their scholarship. Recipients should consult their tax advisors regarding taxability of the scholarship.

#### Donor Intent

Recognizing donor intent, the establishing gift to the AEG Foundation is classified as an Asset without Donor Restriction. The donor places no restrictions on “spending down” the gift. Additional gifts from any donor and any fund transfer from any AEG Foundation program or support fund will be classified as an Asset without Donor Restriction. Earnings from contributions are classified as an Asset without Donor Restriction.

See the Gift Instrument in Appendix One for additional information.

#### Scholarship Fund Operational Protocols

1. The Foundation contemplates funding scholarships that can be carried to completion within one year of initiation unless a specific exception is approved by the Board.
2. Each year the Board will determine the amount of funds available for award in the following year.
3. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, which will make a recommendation to the Board. The Board shall approve the appointment of the chair of the Selection Committee.
4. Scholarships will be approved or further conditioned by approval of a motion made at a Board meeting.
5. Scholarship applications should be received at least 90 days before funding is required.
6. The Foundation may disburse scholarship in stages, depending on progress made.
7. Disbursements from the Beardsley-Kuper Geology Field Camp Scholarship Fund may be made payable to the student or to the academic institution sponsoring the field camp.

## **SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF CHARTER**

The Board may maintain this Charter unchanged or make revisions at any time. This fund Charter shall be reviewed by the Board at least every five years, on a schedule to be determined by the Board. The Programs Committee shall prepare recommendations for consideration by the Board at that time.

## **APPENDIX ONE GIFT INSTRUMENT**

### **Founding Donor's goal for the use of the Fund**

The Fund is intended to pay direct costs for Geology (or closely related) Field Camps for attending students in engineering geology, environmental geology, geological engineering, or closely related disciplines. Direct costs include tuition, fees, room, and board. Travel and equipment fees are not eligible. If a Field Study course meets the intention and goals of a Geology Field Camp, it is also eligible.

### **Founding Donor's goal regarding the initial fund corpus**

The Fund is permitted to spend down the funds to meet the goals of the Fund and is not required to maintain a specific balance.

The original fund corpus is unrestricted.

### **Founding Donor's goal regarding additional donations and income.**

Additional donations and income to the Fund are unrestricted.

### **Maximum individual scholarship or maximum total award**

There are no restrictions to a maximum individual scholarship fee or maximum total award for the year. The intent is to provide flexibility to adjust the awards to match the actual fees students are incurring.

## **APPENDIX TWO BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**Ms. Cathryne Beardsley** was born into an old Arizona family on a cattle ranch where she learned to ride, herd cattle and grow crops. She lived in many places including the northwest, the south, Japan and the Philippines and worked in New York City as a model, but always came back to her native Arizona. She is the mother of Dorian Kuper (Past AEG President) and mother-in-law of Tom Kuper (AEG member and former AEG Foundation Director). She supported Dorian through her schooling and was especially supportive of her attending summer field camp. Cathryne continued to be supportive of Dorian and Tom as they traveled to various countries on landslide field trips, having joined them herself on one in Spain!

Cathryne's life lessons stem from her roots in Arizona, modeling, traveling and living within various cultures as well as her "hands on" experiences. She was an avid rock hound, not feeling shy to pick up a rock hammer to dig out a specimen from an outcrop. Her idea of a camping trip was to camp among the rocks or visit old mine sites to bring home "pretty rocks". As a result, her home was surrounded by "pretty rocks" both inside and out, which she collected over the years. Cathryne saw the love Dorian and Tom have for geology, for mentoring students and for the field. Her contribution to the AEG Foundation Fund will help support future geologists secure a solid summer field camp experience which is so important to the basics of geology.

**Dorian and Tom Kuper** are members of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists. Dorian is a Past President of AEG, and Tom served as a Director of the AEG Foundation. Both are owners of Kuper Consulting, located in Oregon, Montana and Arizona.

In 2022, Mr. **John Peck** made a very generous contribution of \$50,000 to the Beardsley-Kuper Scholarship Fund from the AEG Foundation Research Fund established by John and Nancy Peck. Mr. John Peck is a past AEG President and former AEG Foundation Director and is very passionate about the Foundation's future. The Beardsley-Kuper Scholarship Fund Founders are very appreciative of this contribution.



**APPENDIX THREE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

- 2010 Anna Ahlstrom, Appalachian State University
- 2011 Corey Burkett, West Virginia University
- 2012 Erin Dunbar, Portland State University  
Hayden Fischer, Colorado School of Mines
- 2013 Konnor Horton, University of Mississippi  
Joshua Stewart, Colorado School of Mines
- 2014 Javan Miner, Colorado School of Mines  
Rebekah Tsigonis, University of Alaska—Fairbanks
- 2015 Ann Sutton Teichmiller, University of Mississippi  
Darren Seidel, Angelo State University
- 2016 Tyler Craig Gilkerson, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Matthew Kyle Seigler, Clemson University  
Ariel Marie Ellison, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- 2017 Andrew Oberhelman, University of Puget Sound  
Jeffrey Weiss, NC State University
- 2018 Kaitlyn Allen, California State University Fresno  
Tatjana Scherschel, Colorado School of Mines
- 2019 Caleb Ring, Colorado School of Mines  
Kasey Buckley, Missouri University of Science & Technology  
Jennifer Stephens, Austin Peay State University
- 2020 The Beardsley-Kuper Fund did not award scholarships in 2020 due to field camp cancellations due to COVID 19.
- 2021 Anastasia Ivanova, Indiana University
- 2022 Sam Bartish, University of Washington  
Justin Coley, University at North Carolina at Charlotte  
Ashley Scholder, CSU Fullerton

**APPENDIX FOUR  
BOARD RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

- 04/09/2010 Initial Charter approved by Board of Directors.
- 02/18/2011 Schedule for Charter review changed to even-numbered years.
- 04/09/2011 Gifts and earnings reclassified as Temporarily Restricted and Unrestricted Net Assets.  
Selection committee chair to be approved by Board of Directors.  
Schedule for Charter review changed to at least every 5 years.
- 02/29/2012 Changes to Fund Management Protocols.
- 10/04/2016 Minor editorial changes and deletion of expected scholarship amounts.
- 05/15/2017 Addition of scholarship recipients
- 11/13/2020 Changes to Board mailing address  
Addition of scholarship recipients
- 09/13/2021 Changes to fund classifications in accordance with ASC Standards
- 01/09/2023 Addition of Gift Instrument and simplification of Charter.