

**BEN W. FORTSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**FOR**  
**UNDERGRADUATE LAND SURVEYING STUDENTS**



**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**  
**OF**  
**SURVEYING AND MAPPING SOCIETY OF GEORGIA**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia established the BEN W. FORTSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP FUND on May 16, 1980, in memory of Georgia's longtime and devoted Secretary of State and Surveyor General, Ben W. Fortson, Jr.

## **PURPOSE**

To financially assist in the education of those deserving students who are pursuing a career in the Land Surveying Profession.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

The BEN W. FORTSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP FUND is sponsored by the Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia and is administered by a board of trustees comprised of the current President of the SOCIETY, and two other full SOCIETY members serving staggered two and three year terms.

## **FUNDING**

Initial funding of the scholarship trust was by private charitable contributions and contributions from the SOCIETY assets. Interest bearing accounts and additional contributions will Fund the scholarships.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The recipient must be a resident of the State of Georgia and pursuing a career goal in Land Surveying at an accredited college acceptable to the scholarship committee. Preference will be given to those students in a full time bachelors program, however, full consideration will be given to the associate degree program students and part time students on a prorated scholarship basis. The recipient must have completed 20% of the degree requirements before any scholarship monies are awarded.

## **REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPIENT**

The recipient must maintain a course load averaging 14 or more quarter hours if regarded as a full time student. Recipient must maintain a 2.4 overall grade point average and a 2.75 grade point average in surveying courses.

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**Applicant:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Curricula Pursued \_\_\_\_\_ Scholastic Standing \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Avg \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Activities/Interests:**

Clubs \_\_\_\_\_

Sports \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Part time work during scholastic year \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes: Employer \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact employer? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Employer's Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Length of service (from) \_\_\_\_\_ (to) \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one employer, feel free to supply others on a separate sheet.)

Other Formal Education \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Years/Quarters \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes: Describe \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSCRIPT OF SCHOLASTIC RECORDS ARE REQUIRED!!** \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ .Separate

Are any relatives involved in Land Surveying? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Firm \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Land Surveying \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Any reference or teacher may supply additional commentary/recommendations for you on a separate sheet.

**EDUCATIONAL PLANS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bachelor's \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
\_\_\_\_\_ Surveying \_\_\_\_\_ Cartography \_\_\_\_\_ Geodesy \_\_\_\_\_ Other

If part time work is planned, please so state \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**ADDITIONAL DATA TO SUPPORT YOUR REQUEST IS ENCOURAGED!!**

Please answer the question below as clearly and concisely as you can.

What has prompted you to pursue a career in the surveying (or cartographic, or geodetic) profession?

(You may use additional sheets as necessary.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby understand and accept that this grant will be used to further my education and that should I choose to leave the surveying curricula to pursue another academic endeavor, fail to maintain the academic requirements and course load, or to terminate my studies prior to completion, that this grant will become void and cease.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian (if under age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date