



SIPES FOUNDATION

4925 Greenville Avenue Suite 1106 Dallas, Texas 75206-4019 (214) 363-1780
Fax (214) 363-8195 <http://www.sipes.org> e-mail: sipes@sipes.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 21, 2019

Contact: SIPES – sipes@sipes.org
Dallas, Texas
Telephone 214-363-1780

Dallas, Texas – The SIPES Foundation, overseeing the scientific, educational and charitable programs of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, is pleased to announce that five outstanding earth science and engineering students have been selected to receive scholarship awards this year. Applications were accepted from currently-enrolled, upper-division or graduate students who are U.S. Citizens studying any field of earth science or engineering, and who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Receiving a \$4,000 award from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Scott Gifford**, a master's degree student in geology at Texas A&M University. Receiving a \$3,000 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Jordan Renner**, a master's degree candidate in geology at the University of Oklahoma. Receiving a \$3,000 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **Rhowe Stefanski**, a master's degree student in geology at Kansas State University.

Receiving \$3,000 awards are **Jared Saucedo**, a master's degree student in geoscience at Midwestern State University, and **Teri Lynn Lewis**, an undergraduate student in environmental science at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 254 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2019 awards was made possible through generous donations from SIPES Members and bequests from the Foundation's endowed funds above. The SIPES Foundation also conducts educational seminars, contributes funding to earth science publications and continuing education programs, and maintains a library of earth science films.

The Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists is a national organization of more than 900 self-employed geologists, geophysicists and engineers engaged primarily in domestic energy exploration and development. SIPES has eleven chapters located in oil and gas centers of the United States. Applications for the SIPES Foundation Earth Science Scholarships are available on the SIPES website annually after March 1.

###