

Graduate Education at South Dakota Mines
Kate Simmons Teskey Fellowship Application Form
Award for Academic Year 2025-2026

The Kate Simmons Teskey fellowship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement as an undergraduate student. One recipient will be selected. The award for the academic year is \$8,000 and will be split between the fall and spring semesters.

This fellowship requires a matching full-time assistantship from a department or faculty member. The award recipient must be a U.S. citizen beginning their graduate enrollment in the summer or fall 2025. Students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program at Mines are not eligible to apply. Mines undergraduate students who are completing their bachelor's degree in spring or summer 2025 are eligible to apply.

Each program may submit one nomination (departments with an MS and PhD option are considered as one program). Applicants should be in good academic standing with exceptional qualities. Preference in nomination should be given to PhD students with financial need. Recipients must be enrolled FULL TIME during the award period due to the assistantship requirements (9 credits each for fall and spring semesters). The award may be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the program head/coordinator and the graduate dean.

Student information:

(Family name)	(First name)	(Middle name)	(Student ID)
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Enrollment Status: _____ new M.S. student _____ new Ph.D. Student

Degree program to be enrolled in: _____

Nominating program representative: _____

Please give a short explanation of financial need, and list anticipated or existing scholarships, fellowships, or assistantship support.

Required application materials: Please submit the following documents along this application form. Transcripts will be reviewed as part of the application package. **ADDITIONAL MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

- one page resume
- one page recommendation letter from a South Dakota Mines faculty member (Head, Program Coordinator, Major Professor, etc.)

Submit this application form and required materials via email to GradOffice@sdsmt.edu before the close of business on **Friday, March 7, 2025.**

General Award criteria: Fellowship applications will be reviewed based on the criteria listed below, as well as financial need. Evidence of scholarly excellence and/or potential includes (but are not limited to) classroom success, excellence in scholarly projects, presentations and publications, demonstrating a high level of initiative on a research project. Leadership qualities can include (but are not limited to) developing creative ways to present materials in class (innovative lab assignments, incorporation of new technology into classroom, etc.), involvement in department activities and functions, creating an atmosphere that causes other students to perform at a higher level.

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