Agronomic Science Foundation and SSSA announce the Gary “Pete” Peterson Dryland Soil Management Scholarship in the amount of $5,000. The scholarship has been established by friends and colleagues of Gary “Pete” Peterson, a respected soil scientist and 2008 president of SSSA. The first scholarship will be awarded this year and presented at the SSSA awards program during the 2015 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to pursue research and careers in dryland soil management and to honor the teaching and research career of Dr. Peterson. His career emphasis has been the application of soil science principles to the solution of field-level soil management problems.

Applications Due 14 April

The deadline to initiate nominations is 7 April with references and final submission due 14 April. To apply, visit: www.soils.org/awards/view/188. Following are the eligibility and guidelines for the scholarship:

1. Applicants shall be enrolled in a graduate-level degree program in the soil sciences curriculum of an accredited university located in the United States.
2. Applicants shall be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4-point scale.
3. Applicants shall exhibit evidence of leadership activities within their school or community.
4. Applicants shall have future plans related to a career in soil science.
5. Applicants shall be a citizen of a North American country: the United States, Canada, or Mexico.
6. Previous awardees are eligible for renewal of the scholarship.
7. Applicants may self-nominate for this scholarship.
8. No fees will be charged to applicants for this scholarship.
9. Current M.S. or Ph.D. students and current undergraduate students accepted for a graduate program pursuing a degree in dryland soil and crop management or closely related field are eligible to apply.
10. Preference will be given to nominees whose research focuses on practical issues that involve field experiments.

Seeking Donations

Additional donations are being sought to support the scholarship fund. To make a donation, visit www.a-s-f.org/donate and select the fund from the drop-down menu. Or, by mail, send a check noting the fund on the menu line to ASF, 5585 Guilford Rd., Madison, WI, 53711.

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Fertilizer Industry Round Table Recognition Award

The Fertilizer Industry Round Table Recognition Award recognizes outstanding achievements in research, extension, and/or education that centers on fertilizer technology and associated benefits to agricultural productivity and sustainability. Applicants are judged based on research originality, quality, and practical application as demonstrated by concrete results, letters of recommendation, dissemination of findings, contribution to sustainability, and potential for international application. Applicants must be a resident of Canada or the United States.

Application Procedures

Please email DMessick@sulphurinstitute.org the following: (1) electronic copy of three letters of support. If a student, one should be from the major professor; and (2) a description of the focus and results of the research to be evaluated on originality, scope, innovation, and potential application. Please note that award recipients are not eligible for more than one award, priority will be given to those who support the Fertilizer Industry Round Table’s mission, and a panel of three individuals will select the award winner. The panel will consist of representatives from academia, industry, and an environmental-focused entity. Application Deadline: 30 Aug. 2015. Award: $2,500 and travel to the Fertilizer Industry Round Table’s annual conference.