



VIA REGISTERED MAIL

January xx, 2008

*Professor
School
Address
City, State Zip*

Dear *Professor*:

The Black Hills and Northern Plains Chapters of the International Society of Explosives Engineers (ISEE) are accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded at our 21st Annual Best in the West Drill & Blast Conference in April 2008. We offer these scholarships to students in mining and explosives related majors at nine universities in our region. Awards range from \$500 to \$1500 and are paid directly to the winners with no restriction on use. In 2008, we expect to give a total of \$10,000 in scholarships!

To be eligible for these scholarships, the student must:

1. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance;
2. Be majoring in Mining, Geology or a related Engineering or Industrial Science program. Seniors and juniors (2008-09 school year) will be given preference, but sophomores and freshman will also be considered; and
3. Have some involvement in outside activities or community service.

To apply, the student should submit:

1. A cover letter;
2. A completed application form, describing financial need, work experience, community service, awards, GPA;
3. A letter of reference from an instructor; and
4. A letter of reference from an outside source such as an employer, athletic coach or director of a community service group.

Applications must be received by **February 28, 2008**.

Applications should be e-mailed to: debbie.bruse@riotinto.com

or mailed to: Northern Plains Chapter ISEE
P.O. Box 3784
Gillette, WY 82717

The Scholarship Committee will select recipients and notify them by the end of March. Awards will be presented to the winners at the conference awards banquet on April 17, 2008 in Casper, WY, and recipients are encouraged to attend. Please encourage your students to apply! If you have any questions, you may contact me by e-mail or by phone at 307-685-6293.

Sincerely,

Debbie L. Bruse
21st Annual Best in the West ISEE
Scholarship Committee Chairman

BLACK HILLS CHAPTER



Society of Explosives Engineers

21st Annual Best in the West SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Name:	_____	School:	_____
Address:	_____	Major:	_____
	_____	Specialty Area:	_____
City/State/Zip:	_____	Year:	_____
Phone:	_____	Major GPA:	_____
E-Mail:	_____	Overall GPA:	_____

Advisor name, phone number, e-mail: _____

School Involvement: _____

Community Service: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

Work History: _____

Explain your source of income for college expenses: _____

- Please include **one letter of reference** from an instructor along with **one additional letter** of reference from an outside source (employer, coach, etc).
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