



BARRY F. BECK SINKHOLE CONFERENCE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Instructions:

- Print or type all of the required information and sign this application form at the bottom of this page.
- All materials (application form, abstract, letters of reference, photograph) must be received by the Sinkhole Conference abstract deadline of 01 December 2014.
- The letters of reference must arrive separately and directly from those writing the letters; the letter from the advisor or faculty member must be on the institution's letterhead and confirm that you are currently enrolled at that institution.
- Submit one photograph of yourself that may be used to publicize the Sinkhole Conference and your receipt of the Beck Scholarship, should you receive it; the photograph must be submitted digitally in either a .jpg or .tif format and with at least 300 dpi resolution.
- Submit this form and the letters of reference digitally (Word, .jpg, .tif, and .pdf formats are acceptable), along with your photograph, to the Beck Scholarship Subcommittee Chairman, Dr. E. Calvin Alexander, Jr. at alexa001@umn.edu

Applicant Information

Name: (full legal name) _____

Street Address/PO Box: _____

State: _____ Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Educational Institution where applicant is currently enrolled: _____

Street Address/PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal code: _____ Country: _____

www: _____

Applicant's degree major field: _____ Degree pursued (e.g. B.Sc., M.S., Ph.D.): _____ Estimated completion date: _____

Abstract title (the abstract must have already been completed and submitted on-line through the Sinkhole Conference website):

Provide a 500-word maximum statement of career biography and interests on the following page.

By signing this application:

- 1) I attest that all information I have provided with this application is accurate, and that I am currently enrolled at the educational institution listed above;
- 2) I understand the decision of the Sinkhole Conference's Beck Scholarship Subcommittee is final and there is no recourse or appeal, that there may be multiple Beck Scholarship recipients for a given conference, and that the award has no cash value but waives the cost of one registration to the conference, one registration to one conference field trip, and one conference short course (pending space availability), and otherwise reimburses out-of-pocket expenses up to \$1,000 US for my individual personal travel, food (excluding alcohol), and lodging to attend the conference, and that none of these benefits are transferable to other parties;
- 3) I agree to submit original itemized receipts of those expenses (with a description of the expenses and their purpose written in an attached letter) within 30 days of the end of the conference to "National Cave and Karst Research Institute, Attn: Beck Scholarship, 400-1 Cascades Avenue, Carlsbad, New Mexico, 88220-6215, USA," otherwise I forfeit my reimbursement privilege;
- 4) I commit to attending the Sinkhole Conference and presenting the paper described by the above-listed abstract title, and understand that if am not able to attend the entire conference and personally present that paper for whatever reason, I will forfeit the waived fees and reimbursement benefits of the Beck Scholarship;
- 5) I agree to give the Sinkhole Conference and its organizers permission to use the photograph of myself and modify my statement of my career biography and interests to publicize my receipt of the Beck Scholarship and the Sinkhole Conference, and that I will be given the opportunity to review my modified statement and approve it prior to publication;
- 6) I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, otherwise I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant and following my signature below I have written my legal relationship to the applicant, and that I accept all of the conditions for the Beck Scholarship if chosen.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

***Please provide your 500-word maximum statement of career biography and interests below:**