

THE 2018 CENTRAL FLORIDA GIS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Central Florida GIS Workshop, Inc. announces its Scholarship Initiative for 2018. Winners will be announced at the Central Florida GIS Workshop to be held at the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach on September 10 – 11, 2018.

- One award of \$500 for first place
- One award of \$300 for second place
- The award will be based on a student's initial essay submission and oral presentation on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Central Florida GIS Workshop which will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida

Eligibility and Conditions:

- This is open to any Florida college or university Geography, GIS, Survey or similar program, and is for full time students participating in an undergraduate class during fall 2017 or spring and summer 2018.
- Applicants must have the approval of their principal Geography/GIS/Survey class instructor. The approval must be included in a cover letter to the paper submission. The letter must also state that that the participant is a full time student in an undergraduate class at a Florida college or university
- Students will submit both an abstract and a complete paper at least 10 weeks prior to the Workshop. **The deadline for paper submission is July 1, 2018.** The student write-up should be submitted electronically in PDF format (not to exceed 20 MB) and include the following:
 - **A Letter of Approval** from their course instructor, also stating that the participant is a full time student in an undergraduate class at a Florida college or university
 - **An Abstract** containing the presentation title, Student's Name, Affiliation/School (include course number), and student contact information. The body of the abstract should be no more than 300 words.
 - **An Essay** containing the GIS, geography or survey oriented project write-up. There is no length requirement, but the paper should substantially mimic what the student will be presenting orally at the Workshop. Any map or graphic that will be used in the oral presentation should be included in some way in the write-up.
 - **Submit** your application no later than July 1, 2018 to program@cfgisworkshop.org.
- A maximum of 1 (one) student per course/class will be considered for the scholarship and oral presentation at the Workshop.
- The student must make a 20 – 25 minute presentation in the Student Paper Track on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Each successful applicant (up to eight) will receive a complimentary 2 day Workshop Registration (which includes breakfasts and lunches) to participate. This is an excellent opportunity to present to and network with GIS practitioners. Please note that the Workshop will not provide travel or lodging allowances to chosen candidates.

The Student Presentation Track is currently slotted for 6 – 8 speakers. In the event that there are more interested and eligible participants than the time available can support, the submitted write-ups will be evaluated by a committee of three (3) CFGIS Workshop Board members who will choose the participants by majority vote. Those advancing to the presentation stage will be notified by July 30, 2018.

The audience present at the competition will be asked to fill out an evaluation sheet / survey following the presentations. A Committee of at least three (3) CFGIS Workshop Board members or their designees, also present at the presentations, will take the information regarding the two "popular vote" winners into account in their final decision. The decision as to the winners will be made prior to, and announced at, the Workshop's Award Ceremony on September 11, 2018. The chosen student need not be present to win.

[The Central Florida GIS Workshop, Inc.](http://www.cfgisworkshop.org) is a volunteer effort arising from the work of a number of dedicated GIS professionals in the Central Florida region and is a nonprofit organization qualifying under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.