

Frequently Asked Questions about:

APEGGA's Calgary Graduating Students' Workshop and Graduating Students' Luncheon and The Earth Ring Ceremony

The Ring Stewards and APEGGA are two distinct and separate bodies who operate independently but cooperatively. APEGGA hosts a workshop and luncheon prior to the Earth Ring Ceremony which is administered by The Earth Ring Stewards.

Workshop:

- 1) Do I have to attend the APEGGA Workshop?
Attending the workshop is not mandatory; however, if you as a Graduate do not attend then you are not eligible to fill in the special application for Member-In-Training that is inside the Graduating Students application folder. If you miss this opportunity, you may apply for Member-In-Training status using the regular 4-page form and will be required to pay the regular application processing fees. That General Application form is located on APEGGA's web site: www.apegga.org/Applicants/Geoscientists/toc.html
- 2) Where can I find the agenda and timing for the day?
This information is on the reverse side of the invitation letter enclosed in the Graduating Students Application folder that is given to graduates at GUSS and Rundle offices.
- 3) Is there a cost for the workshop?
There is no cost to Graduates and Assisting Professionals.
- 4) If a graduate misses the deadline to sign up for the workshop at the U of C, who can he/she contact to see whether he/she may still attend?
The Calgary APEGGA Office as long as it is at least 3 days prior to the event. The current contact is Kate Handford at khandford@apegga.org or (403) 262-7714. However, you may not be able to participate in the Ceremony if you did not register prior to the deadline date.
- 5) How do I sign up for the Workshop?
If you are graduating from the U of C, you sign up at the Department of Geoscience at the same time as you sign and size for your ring. If you are a professional member, please contact the APEGGA office – Kate Handford at khandford@apegga.org or (403) 262-7714.

Graduating Student Application Forms for Member-In-Training:

- 1) Who are these forms for?
These special forms/application packages are for graduates of a Bachelor of Science program in engineering, geology or geophysics from the U of C or U of A.

Anyone who is graduating from a graduate program will apply by using the General Registration Application available from the web site: www.apegga.org/Applicants/geoscientists/toc.html or from one of the APEGGA offices and will be required to pay regular application processing fees.

Luncheon:

- 1) Is there a cost for the luncheon?
*The luncheon is hosted for graduates and assisting professional members **who attend** the workshop, otherwise there is an "at cost" fee which is outlined in the invitation letter enclosed inside of the Graduating Students Application folder.*
- 2) Do I have to attend the luncheon?
Attendance at the luncheon is not mandatory and is the choice of the individual. If you have indicated you will attend and then change your mind you should let APEGGA know prior to the deadline date as there is significant cost involved.

- 3) If a Professional Member of my family is attending the workshop, may they also attend the luncheon?
Yes, they are invited to attend the luncheon as guests of APEGGA as a small token of Thanks for assisting with the workshop. Pre-registration is required for both the workshop and the luncheon.
- 4) May I invite other guests to attend the luncheon?
Due to space constraints APEGGA is unable to accommodate additional guests at the luncheon. Professional members who assist at the workshop are invited to the luncheon as guests of the Association. Advance registration is required.
- 5) Are there menu choices for the luncheon? What if I have special dietary requirements?
The menu is set for everyone as it is being hosted. Please contact the APEGGA office if you have special dietary needs. Current contact: Kate Handford at khandford@apegga.org or (403) 262-7714.

Earth Ring Ceremony:

- 1) Who is eligible to participate in a Ceremony and how do they sign up for the Ceremony?
Graduates obtaining a BSc in geology or geophysics from the University of Calgary either during the year in which the Ceremony takes place or on the date closest to the completion of their degree requirements – in Calgary this group would sign up at a specified time at the GUSS and Rundle Group offices in the Department of Geoscience at the University of Calgary.

Those graduating from MSc or Phd programs in geology or geophysics must meet eligibility requirements below and sign up at the GUSS and Rundle Group offices.

Practicing Geoscientists must meet the following criteria:
 1. *Completion of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology or Geophysics or a related area of science at a Canadian University or other recognized university.*
 2. *Completion of a post graduate degree in geology or geophysics or a related area of science at a Canadian University or other recognized university and having met the academic requirements for enrollment as Geologist-In-Training or Geophysicist-In-Training with APEGGA or another Provincial Association;*
 3. *Failing 1) or 2), having met the academic requirements for enrollment as a Geologist-In-Training or Geophysicist-In-Training with APEGGA or another Provincial Association;*
 4. *In addition to the above, the Candidate must be deemed worthy by the Ring Stewards performing the Ritual.*
- 2) How do I replace my ring if it becomes too loose or too tight or if I lose it?
Contact either Tany's Jewellery at 403-286-6643 or Calgary Jewellery Ltd – at 403-245-3131. Also Roberts J C Jewellers Ltd. at 403-289-8978.
- 3) Can I sign up for the ceremony if I graduated from another school in Alberta/Canada/Foreign country a while ago?
Yes. The requirement to participate in the ceremony is to have a B.Sc. degree from any Canadian University or have been enrolled as a Geol.I.T. (Geologist-in-Training), Geoph.I.T. (Geophysicist-In-Training); or P.Geol. (Professional Geologist) or P.Geoph. (Professional Geophysicist) or P.Geo. (Professional Geoscientist) from any Canadian jurisdiction in Canada.
- 4) Can we take pictures during the ceremony?
Yes, but out of respect for the solemnity of the ceremony, photographs should be taken as inconspicuously and unobtrusively as possible. There are also opportunities to take pictures after the ceremony.
- 5) What if I cannot make this Earth Ring ceremony? How do I cancel?
Please contact Professor Ed Krebs, P.Geoph., at krebs@ucalgary.ca; or the Rundle Group or GUSS, for cancellation. We can keep your name for the following ceremony if you still interested in participating in our next ceremony.
- 6) How long is the actual Ceremony?
The ceremony itself may take approximately 2 hours including the guest speaker at the end. Expect to leave the venue at approximately 3:30 p.m.

- 7) Maximum number of guests for the ceremony?
The maximum number of guests is 2. Spouse or significant other or parents or close friend. As a courtesy to the ceremony participants and other guests it is requested that children under 12 years of age and infants not be in attendance.
- 8) What if I want to bring more than the maximum number?
Depending of the total amount of participants and with approval of Ring Stewards, we may consider taking additional guests depending on the individual situation.
- 9) What is the process for having a relative give me my Earth Ring?
The relative, colleague, etc., should be a Professional Member of APEGGA or another Provincial Association. The name and professional designation (e.g. P.Geol.) of the presenter, and the relationship of the presenter to the participant should be declared on the ring ceremony application form (available from the University of Calgary GUSS and Rundle Group offices) and confirmed with the senior ring steward prior to the Ceremony.
- 10) If a student misses the deadline to sign-up at the U of C, who should they contact to register for the Ceremony?
The student should contact the Rundle Group or GUSS to see whether it is still possible to register. If it is too late to order a ring and prepare a certificate, then the student should participate in the next year's ceremony.
- 11) Do guests attending the Ceremony have to be geoscientists?
They don't need to be geoscientists nor is there a requirement for guests to register for the Ceremony.
- 12) What is the dress code for the ceremony?
Semi-formal or business wear.
- 13) Is there a cost for the ring?
Yes, the rings are paid for by the individual in advance of the event. See the Rundle Group or GUSS for details.
- 14) What is the registration procedure for Canadian graduates that are not graduating from U of C?
*If a student is not graduating from U of C, a confirmation of the completion of her/his Geoscience degree from the University she/he went through must be sent via email to Professor Ed Krebs at krebs@ucalgary.ca. **The confirmation must contain: complete name, discipline and convocation date.***
- 16) If graduates cannot attend the ceremony, can their ring be mailed to them?
It depends on the circumstances. Contact the Rundle Group or GUSS, or Professor Ed Krebs at krebs@ucalgary.ca. However, graduates should keep in mind that anyone who wants to wear an Earth ring should participate once in the ring ceremony.
- 17) If a recipient is late for the ceremony, Can she/he still participate and get the ring anyway?
Yes, but it would be very disruptive to arrive late for the Ceremony. Participants should strive to be on time.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

APEGGA Workshop and Luncheon: please contact Kate Handford at khandford@apegga.org or (403) 262-7714.

Earth Ring Ceremony: please contact Professor Ed Krebs, P.Geoph., at krebs@ucalgary.ca; or the Rundle Group (rundle@ucalgary.ca) or GUSS (geophsoc@ucalgary.ca).

Replacement Rings: Contact either Tany's Jewellery at 403-286-6643 or Calgary Jewellery Ltd – at 403-245-3131. Also Roberts J C Jewellers Ltd. at 403-289-8978.