



Illinois Water Environment Association

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

For

College Bound High School Seniors

Application Deadline:
January 31, 2017



Scholarship Requirements

The IWEA Environmental Career Scholarship is designed to aid science minded students preparing for college. IWEA will award a \$500 scholarship to a high school student who is college bound and interested in science and the environment. Scholarship winners will be introduced at IWEA's Annual Conference.

Students must meet the following requirements to be considered for the scholarship:

- Be an Illinois resident and attend high school in Illinois.
- Be a college bound senior, willing to submit enrollment documentation before receiving the scholarship remittance.
- Have a high school GPA of at least 2.5/4.0.
- Submit a complete application packet to the Scholarship Committee by January 31, 2017.

Teacher Grant Application

The IWEA will offer a reimbursement grant of up to \$250 to the teacher who wrote the letter of recommendation to the scholarship awardee. The money can go towards a project, supplies or a classroom resource that will enhance the learning environment.



Who We Are

The Illinois Water Environment Association is a community of engineers, scientists, water reclamation plant operators, and students working to advance fundamental knowledge of our water environment. Members are found working at wastewater reclamation plants, engineering firms, equipment manufacturers, regulatory agencies, and educational institutions.

Our objectives include:

- Advancing the fundamental knowledge of the water environment, its basic qualities, and physical laws governing its interaction with other aspects of the environment.
- Advancing the knowledge and technology in the design, construction, operation and management of the water quality systems and facilities.
- Increasing the knowledge and understanding of the earth's water environment, and encourage and promote action necessary for its enhancement.
- Effectively disseminating knowledge concerning the water environment to members and other interested parties.
- Promoting sound policy in matters relating to the water environment.
- Improving the professional status of all personnel engaged in any aspect of protecting and improving the earth's water environment.
- Strengthening and building alliances with like-minded organizations of all professions dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of water quality and resources.

Stimulating public awareness of the relationship of water resources to the public welfare and the need for pollution prevention, resource recovery, preservation, conservation and reuse of water resources.

Application Packet

The application packet must include:

1. **A copy of your transcript** to demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5/4.0.
2. **The completed scholarship application form/agreement.**
3. **Essay/personal statement.**
4. **One recommendation letter.**
5. **Optional: Resume** describing extracurricular activities, work experience and community involvement

Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Essay Prompt

Describe how your college and career plans support IWEA's mission of enhancing and protecting the Illinois water environment. Essays have a 500 word limit.



Recommendation Letter

At least one recommendation letter is required. The letters should be from a science teacher. If you are awarded the scholarship, that teacher will have the ability to submit a proposal for up to a \$250 grant towards a classroom project. Please be sure your teacher includes their contact information in the recommendation letter so that we can follow up with them regarding the grant.

Submittal Instructions

Applications may be submitted via either US Postal Service or Email.

Emailed applications should be sent to: info@iweasite.org

Postal Service applications should be mailed to:

**Illinois Water Environment Association
Attn: Ms. Laurie Frieders
P.O. Box 337
West Chicago, IL 60186-0337**

All applications must be received by January 31, 2017. IWEA will send you an email confirmation upon receipt of your application.

Judging Criteria

Criteria	Weight	Components
Essay	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay content/quality• Future education plans and career goals
Merit	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic performance• Recommendation letter



IWEA Environmental Career Scholarship Application Form

2017/2018 Academic Year

Name (last, first, middle initial): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Intended Major or Field of Study: _____

Intended College/University: _____ Cumulative GPA: ____/____

Scholarship Agreement

IWEA requires students awarded the Environmental Career Scholarship to fulfill certain criteria while they hold the scholarship. Students who do not meet the criteria will forfeit the scholarship.

The criteria for the IWEA Environmental Career Scholarship require you to:

- Enroll in a college or university the academic year following the award.
- Be an Illinois resident and/or student, attending an accredited Illinois college or university.
- Be willing to submit acceptance letters and/or enrollment information.

If you agree to accept and meet the application criteria, please sign the bottom portion of this sheet and return it the IWEA as part of your application packet.

Applicant Signature

Date