



Illinois Water Environment Association

CLEAN WATER SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline:
January 31, 2017



Who We Are

The Illinois Water Environment Association is a community of dedicated professionals working to advance fundamental knowledge of our water environment. Its members are engineers, scientists, plant operators, and students. They work at wastewater treatment plants, engineering firms, and manufacturers of water treatment equipment.

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 and with the aesthetic, economic, and biological needs of the earth's inhabitants.
- 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.
- Developing and implementing effective delivery mechanisms to rapidly disseminate 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 build alliances with organizations throughout the world incorporating members 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.



Scholarship Requirements

The IWEA Clean Water Scholarship is designed to aid students preparing for careers working with the water environment. IWEA will award as many as two scholarships of up to \$1,000.00. Scholarship recipients will be announced at IWEA's Annual Conference, held in February.

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

- Be an Illinois resident or attend an accredited Illinois college or university.
- Be a full time student that has completed at least 60 credit hours of their undergraduate education by June 30, 2017. Graduate students are also encouraged to apply.
- Have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5.
- Be enrolled in a water related field of study such as civil or environmental engineering, environmental science, biology, chemistry, or wastewater systems operation.
- Submit a complete application packet to the Scholarship Committee by January 31, 2017.

Judging Criteria

Essay	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essay content/quality• Future education plans and career goals
Merit	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic performance• Internship or work experience• Recommendation letter
Leadership	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extracurricular activities• Community service/volunteering• Technical/professional groups• Employment

Notes:

Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to apply again.

All applicants will receive a complimentary one year IWEA Affiliate Membership.



Application Packet

The application packet must include:

- A copy of your transcripts for all college courses taken to demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5/4.0.
- A current resume highlighting academic, work, leadership, and extracurricular experiences.
- The completed scholarship application form/agreement.
- Essay/personal statement.
- One recommendation letter.

Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Essay Prompt

Describe a water environment related class project, research project, internship experience, or work experience. Include information on how this experience relates to your career goals. Essays have a 500 word limit.

Recommendation Letter

One recommendation letter is required. Preferably the letter should be from a professor or employer who is familiar with the applicant's credentials and/or achievements.

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

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



IWEA Clean Water Scholarship Application Form 2017/2018 Academic Year

Name (last, first, middle initial): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major or Field of Study: _____

College/University: _____ Cumulative GPA: ____/____

Scholarship Agreement

IWEA requires students awarded Clean Water Scholarships 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 Clean Water Scholarship require you to:

- Meet the minimum entrance standards of the institution in which you are enrolled at the time the scholarship is awarded.
- Be an Illinois resident and/or students attend an accredited Illinois school.
- Be a full time student who has completed at least two years of undergraduate education at time of award. Applicants' field of study should be in a water related field, such as civil or environmental engineering, environmental science, or wastewater systems operation.
- Provide your social security number to the IWEA at time of award. (It will be used for tax purposes only.)

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