Purpose

The Florida Section American Water Works Association, Operator’s Council, will annually award:

- **Certification Grant**: Four reimbursement grants of up to **$500.00** per eligible student for licensure, license upgrade or certification in the water field.
  - Provides reimbursement of tuition, books, supplies, and fees through an FSAWWA check written to the student. Save all receipts.
- **Industry College Grant**: Two grants of **$1,000.00** per eligible student pursuing a 2 or 4 year college degree or professional training relating to the drinking water industry.
  - Provides reimbursement of tuition, books, and fees through the College/University Financial Aid Department over the upcoming two-year period.

Eligibility

- **Applicant** must be a FLDEP licensed Drinking Water Treatment or Distribution System Operator, Lab Technician, Electrician, Mechanic, Sampling / Field Tech or any other applicable occupations related to the water field.
- **Applicant** must be a member (or Utility must be a member) of AWWA.
- **Certification Grant**:
  - Applicant must have paid for and attended the course between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.
- **Industry College Grant**:
  - Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited Florida Institution and currently enrolled in courses intended to major in an area related to the drinking water industry including management.

Application Process

- Complete the attached application form - Word Version or PDF Version
- Provide AWWA member number or Utility membership number
- Provide employer and school / college contact information.
- Enclose copy of FDEP Drinking Water Treatment or Distribution System Operator’s License
- Enclose a brief paragraph on plans for use of the grant funds.
- Provide course completion certificates and receipts.
Selection Process

- Evaluation will be made based on need and merit.
- At the option of the Operator’s Scholarship Committee, the top six candidates may be telephone interviewed by a member of the scholarship committee.
- Award recipients will be selected by the Operator’s Council of the Florida Section American Water Works Association.
- **Final Selection:** Committee will make final selection of grant awardees.

Grants will be awarded at the FSAWWA Annual Fall Conference.

**Operator’s Grant Committee**
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**Deadline for Submission for 2020: July 1, 2020**
Applicant Name: ________________________________  (Please print)

Address: ______________________________________

_____________________________________________

Telephone # and email ________________________________

Name of school: __________________________________

Address of school: __________________________________

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FLDEP Operator’s license type, level, and number _________________

AWWA member number or Utility Membership number _________________

• Student pursuing a college degree relating to the drinking water industry:

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• Student for upgrade of a drinking water or distribution system operator license / certification:

Name of FDEP approved drinking water operator residence class, correspondence course, or on-line course

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Employment while attending college/FDEP approved course

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FSAWWA Operators/Maintenance Council Grant Application and Instructions

Applicant’s Certification and Permission to Release Information

I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting non-factual information will automatically disqualify me from any consideration for a scholarship.

By submitting this application, I authorize my college(s) records office to make available to FSAWWA any information concerning my academic records.

I hereby grant permission to allow the FSAWWA to release information contained herein to other potential sources of grant assistance for my studies.  Yes____  No _____

_________________________________________  ____________
Applicant’s Signature  Date
FSAWWA Operators/Maintenance Council Grant Undergrad Degree Classifications

Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.)
This degree is usually earned by students who concentrate in liberal arts or business courses on the college transfer level. The degree typically requires 60 - 64 units of credit.

Associate of Science Degree (A.S.)
Associate of Science degrees have been developed for transfer to specific universities and programs, or entry into the workforce. The degree typically requires 60 - 64 units of credit.

Certificates of Study
Certificates of Study are designed to prepare students for entry level positions in a variety of fields. The number of units of credit varies with the certificate program selected.

Typical AA and AS degrees require the following areas of study:
- Communications
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
  - History
  - Behavioral Science
  - Political Science
- Biological Science
  - Natural Science
  - Physical Science
- Electives
- Preparatory
Examples of typical AA and AS degrees considered eligible for the FSAWWA Operators/Maintenance Council Grant include but not limited to:

(Final decision of course work eligibility rests with the Grant Committee)

**Hillsborough Community College** www.hccfl.org
AAS Environmental Science Technology-Advanced Water Treatment
AS/AAS Environmental Science Technology-Environmental Tech
AS/AAS Environmental Science Technology-Lab Tech

**Florida Gateway College** https://www.fgc.edu/
Environmental Science Technology AS Degree-online training for Water Industry Careers
AS Degree Program Overview
Water2go-online pre-licensure training courses
Certificate Program Overview
Water Quality Technician Certificate Program
WQTC Program Overview

**Palm Beach State College** www.palmbeachstate.edu/
A.S. Degree - Environmental Science Technology
http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/areasofstudy/programsheet/index.asp?id=70
http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/environmentalscience

**ITT Technical Institute** http://www2.itt-tech.edu/brandgeo/programs/
Electrical Engineering Technology Associate of Science Degree
http://www2.itt-tech.edu/brandgeo/campus/courses.cfm?prog_id=4241
This program offers graduates an opportunity to develop knowledge and skills that can help them pursue careers in a variety of entry-level electrical and electronics engineering technology positions, such as electronics technician, service technician, telecommunications technician and engineering technician.