**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, 2018 and May 31, 2019.
- **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.

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Deadline for Submission for 2020: July 1, 2020
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](http://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/](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/](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/)
- A.S. Degree - Environmental Science Technology
  - [http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/areasofstudy/programsheet/index.asp?id=70](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/areasofstudy/programsheet/index.asp?id=70)
  - [http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/environmentalscience](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/environmentalscience)

**ITT Technical Institute** [http://www2.itt-tech.edu/brandgeo/programs/](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](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.