

The Operator Continuing Education Fund

The Operator Continuing Education Fund is funded through the support of AWWA's The Water Equation Campaign and the Kentucky/Tennessee AWWA.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

AWWA's Water Equation Campaign and the Kentucky/Tennessee will award **up to two scholarships of up to \$1,000 each** from The Operator Continuing Education Fund to support Water Operator education and training, with the intent to award **one recipient from each state when possible**. Based on applicant need, the Section may award more than two scholarships in smaller amounts, not to exceed a total of \$2,000.

Scholarship funds may be used for operator certification or licensure coursework, two- or four-year water-related degree programs, technical school programs, professional development or conferences, and books or manuals.

Each scholarship recipient will also receive a **one-year AWWA Operator membership**.

ELIGIBILITY/GUIDELINES

- Applicant must be a current water operator or seeking to enter the water operator profession.
- Applicant must be pursuing an operator's license or certification, two or four-year degree related to the water operator profession, or professional development.
- Disbursement of the funds will be made directly by the Section to the financial aid office of the college or training center the applicant will attend.
- Eligible expenses include items related to operator training and continuing education such as books, manuals, conferences, and professional development courses. While the state testing examination fee for licensure is not an eligible expense, study materials and preparation for the test are eligible expenses.
- Applicant must reside or work within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky or Tennessee.
- Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use recipient's name and scholarship story for purpose of promotion.

APPLICATION PROCESS: DEADLINE/SELECTION/PRESENTATION

1. Complete application form.
2. Submit application by **May 29, 2026** to:

Kay Sanborn, Executive Director, KYTN AWWA
via e-mail executivedirector@kytnawwa.org and memberservices@kytnawwa.org

3. A letter of notification will be sent to all applicants by **June 26, 2026**. The recipients will be offered complimentary registration to attend the Water Professionals Conference on **July 19, 2026**, to receive the scholarship at the Opening Session. If unable to attend the Conference, a check for up to \$1,000 will be sent to the financial aid office or training center by **August 21, 2026**.
4. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the Water Professionals Conference at the Opening Session.
5. Scholarship money must be used by the recipient only and is not transferable.
6. Scholarship recipients must provide a report to the Section by **December 31, 2026**, on how the scholarship funding was used. Any unused funds should be returned to the Section by **December 31, 2026**.

CONTACT/QUESTIONS

If you have questions, you may contact the Water Quality and Plant Operations Committee Chair, Alana Cranford, at (615) 500-7010 or alana.cranford@nashville.gov.