2021-2022 Raftelis Financial Consultants Environmental Finance and Management Fund Scholarship

Scholarship Details

| Award          | One $1,000 scholarship  
|                | Plus free attendance at the 2021 NC AWWA-WEA Annual Conference |
| Education Level| Undergraduate or graduate |
| Institution    | Accredited college or university |
| Program/Course of Study | Concentration in environmental finance, environmental management, or related discipline |
| Cumulative GPA | Greater than 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) |
| Citizenship & Residency | Must be a United States citizen. North Carolina residents will receive preference. |
| Renewal Eligibility | The scholarship may be renewed annually through completion of an undergraduate degree and completion of a post-graduate degree by providing documentation that the recipient still meets the qualifications stipulated in the initial scholarship application. |
| Payable to     | Paid directly to financial office of recipient's educational institution |
| Conflict of Interest | The applicant must not be related to scholarship sponsors nor employed by such sponsors and not an employee of nor related to officer or director of NC AWWA-WEA, nor to any member of the Endowment Committee. |

In 1993, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc (RFC) was founded to provide services that help utilities function as sustainable organizations while providing the public with clean water at an affordable price. With this goal in mind, RFC has grown to become one of the largest and most respected utility financial, rate, management, and operational consulting practices in the nation.

RFC has experience providing these services to hundreds of water, wastewater, and storm water utilities across the country and abroad thereby allowing the firm to provide its clients with innovative and insightful recommendations founded on industry best practices.

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote sustainability in North Carolina and across the country by supporting financial and management excellence in the environmental disciplines of water, wastewater, stormwater, and reuse.

Preference considered in the following order:
- North Carolina residents attending North Carolina institutions of higher education
- Residents outside of North Carolina attending North Carolina institutions of higher education
- North Carolina residents attending institutions of higher education outside North Carolina
- Student who are members of the Student Chapter of NC AWWA-WEA

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How to Apply

All Applications must be submitted online at www.ncsafewater.org/StudentApplication

Forms  All Required forms, listed below, must be uploaded through the online system no later than March 26, 2021 for application to be considered.

Recommendation Letters  Two letters from college instructors, at least one letter must be from an engineering instructor. Signed letters must be submitted online by instructors at www.ncsafewater.org/ScholarshipRecLetter.

Essay  Why do you want to be a water professional with a concentration in environmental finance, environmental management, or related discipline and what contributions do you hope to make to that sector of the water industry. (Maximum 800 words)

 Transcript  Official transcript with college/university seal

Past Scholarship Recipients

2020 Lindsey Pegram, UNC Chapel Hill
2019 Kathleen Balaze, NC State University
2018 Kathleen Balaze, NC State University
2017 Megan Murray, Duke University
2016 Megan Murray, Duke University
2015 Maria Tchamkina, Duke University

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The North Carolina American Water Works Association and the North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA) is a volunteer association dedicated to providing water and wastewater education, training, and service in an effort to protect public health and the environment.