



The WEASC Operator Conference Attendee Assistance Application

This form may be used to apply for reduced or waived hotel and registration fees while attending the Operator Conference

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer/Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Current Position: _____

Number of Years at Current Job: _____ Operator Level(s): _____

Total years in water environment field _____

Will your employer allow you to attend the Conference? YES ___ NO ___

May we contact your employer or instructor? YES ___ NO ___

Veteran: YES ___ NO ___ Student Member: YES ___ NO ___

Member of WEASC: YES ___ NO ___ Which District or Student Chapter: _____

Do you live more than 60 miles from the Conference site? YES ___ NO ___

Do you plan to stay for each of the three days? If not, which days? _____

Have you received WEASC financial assistance in the current or last WEASC fiscal year (April 1-March 31) for this or any other events? If so, please explain _____

Have you attended the Operator Conference in the past three years? YES ___ NO ___

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION FORM:

A brief summary of why you should receive this opportunity and any specific requests. Please address your current financial limitations and/or other circumstances that you believe are pertinent to your receiving assistance (500 words maximum).

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand my name and personal information will not be released unless authorized except for review by the Operator Conference Committee and/or WEASC assigned selection committee; and Executive Director or designee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit this application no later than **September 15th** by mail, email or fax to:

By Mail:

By Email:

By Fax:

WEASC

heather@weasc.org

(803) 358-0646

Attn: OCMC Scholarship

121 Executive Center Dr, Ste 115

Columbia, SC 29210

WEASC Operator Conference Attendee Assistance Application Eligibility Guidelines

The following guidelines are to be used in the selection process for providing assistance for up to four (4) WEASC members, subject to available budget, for attending the annual Operator Conference:

1. Deadline for application submittal is September 15th. The applicant must be a current member in good standing as of September 15th prior to the Conference. Family and/or other non-members of the household will not be eligible, but may attend at their own expense.
2. Applicants residing less than 60 miles from the Conference hotel will not receive hotel accommodations. Applicants residing at least 60 miles away may be eligible to receive up to three (3) hotel room nights. In determining the distance, a travel mapping program publically available such as Map Quest or Google Maps will be used.
3. Conference registration fees will be waived for approved applicant(s).
4. Selection Criteria:
 - A. Licensed Environmental System Operator or Trainee 5 pts
 - B. "Trainee, C or D" level operator 2 pts
 - C. Has not attended the Operator Conference in 3 years 1 pt
 - D. Has not received WEASC assistance in past year 1 pt
 - E. Veteran, active duty, reserve or student member 1 pt
 - F. At least 10 years service in the water environment field 2 pts
 - G. Recommendation from employer up to 3 pts
 - H. Written justification submitted up to 10 pts

Maximum of 25 points
5. Processing:
 - A. All applications must be complete and submitted by deadline. Applicants will be notified of incomplete applications and non-selected candidates.
 - B. WEASC staff will accept the applications and review for completeness, and then forward to the OCMC review sub-committee.
 - C. Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of at least three (3). Individual review scores will be tallied for each applicant and the applicants with the highest total scores will be offered assistance. [At least one local and up to three distant applicants may be selected]
 - D. In the event of a tie score, applicants will be selected in order of date received.
 - E. Parts 4.G and 4.H above may be subjective based on statements received.
 - F. Selected candidates will be notified at least thirty (30) days prior to the Conference.
6. The OCMC reserves the right to limit the amount of assistance, if any, based on annual budgeted funds available, and/or quality of submittals received. Also, if funds remain available, the OCMC may elect to offer assistance to additional candidates.