Wisconsin Section of AWWA Scholarship
2020 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Purpose
The WIAWWA Scholarship was created by WIAWWA’s Young Professional Committee to encourage and support: 1) outstanding individuals pursuing a degree or training in the field of drinking water supply and treatment, and 2) children of WIAWWA members.

WIAWWA Mission Statement
To ensure a safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible drinking water by providing education, timely information, and networking opportunities for our membership and the Wisconsin drinking water community at large.

Entry Requirements
Applicants must submit:
- Application form.
- Proposed curriculum of study (i.e. list of courses that have been or will be taken during the course of the pursued curriculum).
- Two letters of recommendation/reference, with at least one being an educational or professional reference. For Category 1, 2, and A, the educational/professional reference must be a water industry professional (i.e. water professor, employer in water related career field, water engineer, etc.). For Category B, the educational/professional reference must be water utility professional with direct management over the applicant.
- One page essay on educational plans and career objectives (all categories). For Category 1, 2, A, and B applicants, the one page essay should also demonstrate or declare an interest in the drinking water supply field (especially in Wisconsin – see WIAWWA Mission Statement).
- One page resume that includes all schools, colleges and universities attended; dates, major/fields of study, grade point average, degrees received, work experience, civic work, and extracurricular activities.
- Unofficial transcripts required for Category 1, 2, 3 and A. Transcripts are not required for application for Category B.

Student Eligibility Categories

Category 1 - University Student
- Enrolled full time in a university or college fall 2020 semester.
- Pursuing a degree relevant to the drinking water supply field.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at time of application.
- Have not received WIAWWA (or WWA) scholarship previously in this category.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.
- Additional consideration will be given to student members of WIAWWA/AWWA.

Category 2 - Technical School Student
- Enrolled full time in a technical school for fall 2020 semester.
- Pursuing a degree relevant to the drinking water supply field.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at time of application.
- Have not received WIAWWA (or WWA) scholarship previously in this category.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.

Category 3 - Son/Daughter of WIAWWA Member
- Son/Daughter/Dependent of a WIAWWA member.
- High school senior.
- Enrolled full time in a university, college, or technical school for fall 2020 semester.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at time of application.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.
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Professional Eligibility Categories

Category A – Current WIAWWA/AWWA Member
- Current WIAWWA/AWWA member.
- Graduate of a technical school or university program.
- Career experience in the Wisconsin drinking water supply field.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for past education.
- Enrolled in a university or college for fall 2020 semester.
- Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree relevant to the public drinking water supply field.
- Have not received WIAWWA scholarship previously in this category.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.

Category B – One AWWA Operator Scholarship
- Current operator in the Wisconsin drinking water supply field.
- Enrolled in a university or college for fall 2020 semester.
- Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree relevant to the public drinking water supply field.
- Have not received AWWA/WIAWWA scholarship previously in this category.
- Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use recipient’s name and scholarship story for purpose of promotion.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.

Support Provided
The scholarships will provide a one-time grant to the most outstanding applicant(s) meeting the eligibility requirements in each of the five eligibility categories. The funds will be disbursed as follows, depending on the eligibility category met:
1. Category 1 – $1,500
2. Category 2 – $1,000
3. Category 3 – $1,000
4. Category A – $2,000
5. Category B (One AWWA Operator) – $2,500

AWWA provides annual matching funds and a one year AWWA Operator Membership to WIAWWA to maintain the One AWWA Operator scholarship.

Selection Criteria
A selection committee from the WIAWWA’s Young Professional Committee will evaluate the applications and select the recipients based on quality of the academic records, career objectives, letters of reference/recommendation and extracurricular activities. All applicants are considered without regard to color, gender, race, creed, or country of origin.

Time Schedule
Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2020. The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 31, 2020. Recipients will be publicly recognized at the 2020 WIAWWA Annual Conference held on September 16 – 18, 2020 at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center in Madison.

In the event that a category receives no qualified applicants, the Scholarship Committee may award the scholarship to the next highest scoring candidate in any category. In the event that there are extra funds available and there are well-qualified candidates, the scholarship committee may grant additional awards to the next most qualified candidates, as determined by the blind grading process.

Funds will be disbursed directly to the financial office of the recipient’s school upon receipt of successful completion of semester as full time student. The recipient must submit 1st semester official transcripts indicating the successful completion of the semester as a full time student during the academic year the scholarship is awarded.

Up to ten complimentary one-year AWWA Student memberships will be provided for the top recipients/applicants in Category 1 and 2.