

NMWWA CENTRAL SECTION

GRANTING OF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

It is hereby declared the policy of the Section Board to grant educational scholarships annually to students enrolled in an academic program leading to a career in the water and/or wastewater field. Enrollment must be in an accredited institution of higher learning in New Mexico or in the Sacramento State College Water/Wastewater Programs. Usually, two scholarships will be available. One is the Fred Ragsdale Memorial Scholarship awarded for the Fall Semester, and the other is the Future Water Professionals Scholarship awarded for the Spring Semester.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Applicant:

1. Must be entering at least the second semester or third quarter of school.
2. Must have at least a 2.5 overall GPA. (Based on a 4.0 system)

SUBMITTALS:

1. Must submit with the completed application, a short (150 words or less) paper explaining why the applicant has decided to enter this career field and a statement indicating the level of need for financial assistance to assist the Board in prioritizing applications.

2. Must submit a completed application by September 30, for the Spring Semester and April 30, for the Fall Semester. Application forms are available from the Association and follow this notice. The completed application must include the recommendation of at least (1) faculty member acquainted with the student.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist in meeting the costs of tuition, fees, housing, books and meals. Generally, the Section Board will determine by an official motion, the amount of scholarship(s) to be awarded (not to exceed \$500 per semester) and will consider the level of need of the applicant(s), the number of worthy applicants, and the amount available in the scholarship fund. The Association Section may grant different amounts of assistance to various applicants considered at the same meeting if it so chooses. Funds will be made directly to the applicant.

PREFERENCE FOR GRANTING SCHOLARSHIP:

The Section Board will show preference (in the event that more than one application is received) in granting scholarship using the following criteria (not listed in order of priority):

1. Members of the immediate family of an Association member of the Central Section who has not received a previous NMWWA scholarship.
2. The best description (in the opinion of the Section Board) of the reasons for entering this career field.
3. New Mexico residency (as defined by institution).
4. Financial Need

