

Section • American Water Works Association

Scholarship Program

1. Introduction

This document summarizes the scholarship program for Western Canada Section of American Water Works Association (WCS AWWA).

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2. Definitions

| Term | Definition |
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| Accredited Institution | Included on the Government of Canada's <i>List of Certified Institutions</i> |
| AWWA | American Water Works Association |
| Institution | University, college or technical school |
| Integrated Water | AWWA believes in Total Water Solutions: an integrated view for addressing water quality and availability challenges that focuses on the effective and efficient management of all waters, and where they intersect with drinking water. The integrated water industry consists of source water protection, membrane process and technology, distribution system water quality, wastewater, potable reuse, sustainability, emergency preparedness, and innovation, and encompasses all staff that support the industry |
| Recipient | The successful applicant, chosen by the Selection Committee to receive a scholarship, grant or bursary |
| Section | See WCS AWWA |
| Selection Committee | The WCS AWWA Past Chair, Trustees, Young Professionals Committee Chair, Director, and a Member-at-Large |

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WCW Western Canada Water

3. Notices

- The availability and monetary value of all scholarships, grants and bursaries are subject to change.
- WCS AWWA reserves the right to change or discontinue the listed grant, scholarship or bursary information and/or value without notice.
- All scholarship values are in Canadian dollars.
- Selection will be based on the principle of open and equal opportunity and carried out by the WCS AWWA Selection Committee.
- WCS AWWA may choose to not award a scholarship if the selection committee determines that no appropriate candidates have applied.
- The Selection Committee may, at its discretion, choose not to award a bursary or grant to an applicant.
- Acceptance of scholarship/grant/bursary constitutes permission to use recipient's name, photograph, and scholarship story for purpose of promotion.
- Where possible, and upon written request from the recipient, disbursement of the funds will be made directly by the Section to the financial office of recipient's institution.
- If the applicant is unable to successfully complete the conditions of the program, the funds will not be awarded.
- AWWA and WCS AWWA recognize the role of diversity as being essential to the growth, structure, and continued success of any organization. As such, WCS AWWA encourages applicants of diverse backgrounds to apply to our scholarship program.

3.1 Submissions

- The deadline will be the next business day if a deadline date falls on a weekend, civic holiday, or statutory holiday in Alberta, Canada.
- All applications must be submitted electronically by the deadline indicated. An acknowledgment email will be sent within 5 business days of receipt.
- Supporting documents must be submitted in PDF format.
- Where transcripts are required, the recipient must submit an official transcript within one month of notice of award.
- The recipient must submit a photograph within one month of notice of award.
- Should insufficient or no acceptable submissions be received by the deadline, the Selection Committee may, at its discretion, choose to accept and review for consideration submissions received after the stated deadline date.

1.1 Water Operator Continuing Education Fund

1.1.1 Summary

The Water Operator Continuing Education Fund is supported by AWWA's The Water Equation Campaign and WCS AWWA. The fund supports water and wastewater operators with continuing education, certification, training, and conference attendance.

1.1.2 Criteria

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a current water or wastewater operator or seeking to enter the water operator profession.
- Applicant must be pursuing an Operator Certification, two or four-year degree or diploma related to the water operator profession, or individual professional development.
- Applicant must reside or work within the geographical boundaries covered by the Section, which includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Scholarship Amount (per Recipient)

- \$500
- One year of AWWA Operator membership

Maximum Number of Scholarships

- 3 (annually)

Conditions

- Funding can be used for certification, two-year water related associate degree, technical school program, professional training program, books and manuals, and operator related conferences.

1.1.3 Deadline

- July 1 (annually)

1.1.4 Application

Materials

- A short biography and contact information, including name, phone number, and mailing and email addresses.
- A written statement (200 words maximum) explaining how the funds will be used.

Form

- <http://www.wcsawwa.net/index.php/learn-and-network/awwa-operator-scholarship/>

1.1.5 Payment Schedule

- Items related to books, manuals, conferences, professional development courses, and other eligible expenses will be reimbursed to recipient upon presentation of eligible receipts.