

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
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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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.

3.2 Diversity in Water Scholarship

3.2.1 Summary

This scholarship targets traditionally underrepresented groups including women, visible minorities, students with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples enrolled full-time in an integrated water industry related program at an accredited institution. The intent is to encourage members of these groups to pursue a career in the integrated water industry, and to become leaders in these fields.

3.2.2 Criteria

Eligibility

- Applicant must identify as female, a visible minority, student with disability, and/or aboriginal student.
- Applicants must reside and be enrolled in a program at an accredited institution within the geographical boundaries covered by the Section (Alberta, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Saskatchewan).
- Applicants must have clear academic standing.
- Applicants must be enrolled in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th and/or graduating year of their program.
- Applicants must not have received this award previously.
- Preference will be given to existing members.
- Preference will be given to an applicant with a demonstrated interest in and/or previous experience working in the integrated water industry.

Scholarship Amount (per Recipient)

- \$1,500
- One year of AWWA Student Membership
- WCW Conference registration

Maximum Number of Bursaries

- 1 (annually)

Conditions

- The recipient must attend one local WCS AWWA event. The recipient is exempted from this requirement if there are no local events.
- The scholarship is annual and non-renewable.

3.2.3 Deadline

- July 1 (annually)

3.2.4 Application

Materials and Evaluation Criteria

- A written statement (500 words maximum) explaining how these funds will help them achieve success at their institution, and detailing their interest, knowledge and future goals in the integrated water industry (60%);
- An unofficial transcript completed to date (20%);
- Applicable work experience and extracurricular activities (15%); and
- A short biography and contact information, including name, phone number, and mailing and email addresses (5%).
- A minimum 60% score is required to be considered for the scholarship.

3.2.5 Payment Schedule

The scholarship will be awarded in two equal payments as follows:

- The first installment of \$750 will be made upon receipt of the photograph and official transcript.
- The second installment of \$750 will be made upon successful completion of the first semester, and attendance at a local WCS AWWA event.