

South Carolina Ground Water Association Scholarship

GUIDELINES

- Scholarship applications are made available in October for the following academic year and must be submitted by February 1.
- One scholarship will be given in the amount of \$1000.
- Applicants must be members or the children, grandchildren or spouse of a member in good standing of SCGWA for not less than three years.
- Scholarships are available to undergraduates only.
- Applicants must have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average during their last two years of formal education. Applicants who have been out of school for more than two years may submit transcripts or no less than two employment related recommendations.
- Applicants do not need to be pursuing industry-related degrees; however, applicants who are pursuing degrees in water well or ground water related studies will be given special consideration.
- Applicants may be selected to receive funds only twice.
- The SCGWA executive director will verify membership of applicant sponsors before award recipients are selected.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by early May, in time for them to be acknowledged at their high school award ceremony.
- Press releases will be sent to local newspapers upon applicant's request.
- Winner will be acknowledged by the Awards Committee chairperson at the Spring Meeting.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each year, the South Carolina Ground Water Association awards one scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Individuals can be awarded the scholarship twice in an undergraduate career. To file a completed application, it is necessary to follow the steps below, complete the enclosed forms as directed, and attach the required items.

ELIGIBILITY: Any properly executed application will be accepted. However, a high priority will be given to any applicant who is pursuing a degree in water well or ground water related studies. To qualify, the applicant must:

- Be an SCGWA member or the child, grandchild or spouse of an SCGWA member in good standing for not less than three years.
- Be a high school senior, high school graduate, or college undergraduate student.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average during their last two years of formal education. An applicant who has been out of school for more than two years may submit transcripts or no less than two employment related recommendations.

- Be able to provide transcripts including cumulative grade point averages (high school seniors) or the latest available transcript from an educational institution.

PROCEDURE: The applicant must complete the attached application in full and have submitted it to the proper location **BEFORE** the deadline. The deadline for applications is February 1. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline to be eligible.

REVIEW: Eligible applications are reviewed by the Awards Committee. Special consideration is given to individuals studying an industry related field. Evaluations are based on:

- Academic achievement, grade point average, honors received;
- Quality of the essay;
- Community involvement.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: The winning applicant will be notified by May 1. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the school the applicant is to attend and mailed directly to the financial aid department of that school.

South Carolina Ground Water Association Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name in Full: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE/MAIDEN

A. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

1. **Member Affiliation:** Scholarships are awarded to SCGWA members or the child, grandchild or spouse of an SCGWA member in good standing for not less than three years.

Indicate eligibility: SCGWA Member
 Child/Grandchild of _____
 Spouse of _____

Name and address of sponsoring member company:

2. Current School Status:

Check one: HS Senior HS Graduate Passed GED
 College Freshman College Sophomore College Junior
 Returning student – have been out of school for more than two years

3. **College or University:** If you are already enrolled in, or have already been accepted to, a college or university, provide the information requested below. If you have applied but have not yet been accepted, provide the information requested below for the college or university that is your first choice. Attach a list of other colleges or universities to which you have applied for admission.

Name of Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check one: Currently enrolled Accepted but not enrolled Applied for admission

Planned dates of attendance: _____

Planned field of study: _____

Housing plans (check one): On campus Off campus With parent or relative
 Other. Explain _____

4. Previous SCGWA Scholarship Awards:

Have you previously received an SCGWA scholarship award? Yes No

If yes, indicate year: _____

B. APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ SSN: _____

C. APPLICANT ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Transcripts:** Applicants will not be considered without a transcript. High school seniors must submit a transcript with their cumulative grade point average. College students must submit the latest available college transcript. Applicants who have been out of school for more than two years may submit transcripts or no less than two employment related recommendations. Grade point average will be considered in awarding scholarships; however, it is not the only consideration.

Check one: Transcript enclosed with this application
 Transcript to be sent by February 1
 Employment related recommendations attached

- 2. Letters of Reference:** Enclose one letter of reference from a non-family individual such as a guidance counselor, teacher, or employer.
- 3. Essay:** Enclose an essay of no less than 500 words with this application. In writing your essay, use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation. Address the essay questions below in detail. When answering the questions, include personal experiences, insights or reflections.

Content Outline

Respond to the following essay questions:

- Why do you want to continue your education?
- What are your ambitions and goals?
- How will you use your education to benefit your community and the world?

Include one paragraph on one of the following:

- How can you use your chosen career or field of study to affect the sustainability of water in the national environment?
- How will your career be affected by the availability of water?
- How can your life choices affect the quality of water in your life?

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application, or any supportive materials, is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information will result in my application being rejected.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE