

2017 Northwest Branch APWA Scholarship Application

For Candidates Pursuing a Degree in Civil Engineering,
Environmental Engineering, or Public Works Related Field

The American Public Works Association is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services. APWA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, incorporated in the state of Illinois.

Originally chartered in 1937, APWA is the largest and oldest organization of its kind in the world, with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, an office in Washington, D.C., and 63 chapters throughout North America. APWA provides a forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to public attention in local, state and federal arenas.

The association is a highly participatory organization, with hundreds of opportunities for leadership and service, and a network of several dozen national committees in every area of public works. Governed by a 17-member board of directors, elected at both the regional and national levels, APWA is an open, flexible association with a diversified membership of 28,000 and a reputation for quality services and products.

To fulfill our Mission, the Illinois Chapter – Northwest Branch of the American Public Works Association is sponsoring a scholarship program for Candidates Pursuing a Degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or Public Works Management.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION:

Application forms are available on the APWA Illinois Chapter web site at <http://illinois.apwa.net/>. Applicants may reapply yearly for scholarship awards, provided a new application is submitted each time.

ELIGIBILITY:

Students who plan to attend an accredited university during the Fall 2017 Semester AND Spring 2018 Semester at the undergraduate or graduate level whose major course of study encompasses the field of Civil or Environmental Engineering or other programs within the public works field are eligible. **Students may be part time or full time at community colleges or universities; however, candidates must be seeking a degree.** We will only consider providing scholarships toward tuition as well as books, fees, supplies and equipment if required of all students in the course. *Candidates must reside or be employed within the geographic boundaries of the Northwest Branch of the APWA Illinois Chapter.* This area includes the entire counties of *Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, Lee, Jo Daviess, Whiteside and Carroll Counties*- all in Illinois. No other areas will be considered. Active members of the 2016 Northwest Branch Scholarship Committee of the APWA Illinois Chapter and their family members are not eligible.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Candidates who receive monies from other sources are eligible to apply for this award. Financial need is one of the many criteria to be reviewed in determining the best qualified recipients.



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AWARD AMOUNT:

The 2017 award will be at least one (1) \$2,000.00 scholarship. The Branch reserves the right to not issue a scholarship if no submitted application is deemed to indicate a scholarship issuance is warranted or to issue multiple scholarships, if many applicants are qualified.

DEADLINE:

All application materials must be postmarked on or before May 1st, 2017 and submitted to the current Northwest Branch Chairperson.

AWARD:

Award monies will be disbursed prior to the start of the educational course or seminar following the award notification. A letter will be sent to the educational program, seminar organization, college or university informing them of the award. The award check will be made payable to the student and the applicable institution.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR E-MAILED BY May 1st, 2016
AND SENT TO:**

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Questions can be directed to Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

Please include your name on all portions of the scholarship application

- Submit a copy of a transcript of your grades for the previous two semesters or terms. A sealed copy is not required.
- List the courses you are presently taking, along with a brief description of each.
- All candidates must list a person of reference who may be an instructor, academic counselor, public works professional or person other than family member who is knowledgeable of the applicant's interest in the public works field. A brief letter of recommendation is required from the reference.
- If currently a high school student, please attach a copy of your letter of acceptance to the college you plan to attend if available.
- Essay Section (Attached Form)
Please answer the questions on the attached form accurately and honestly. **Please provide a separate page for each question.**

Applications must be postmarked, e-mailed by May 1st, 2017
Questions may be addressed to the Committee Chair:

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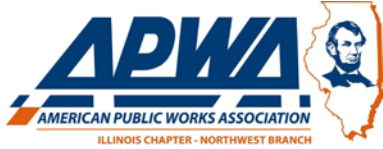
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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME	
PLEASE CHECK as applicable: Current High School Senior <input type="checkbox"/> 2017/2018 Undergraduate Program <input type="checkbox"/> 2017/2018 Graduate Program <input type="checkbox"/> 2017/2018 Full Time Student <input type="checkbox"/> 2017/2018 Part Time Student <input type="checkbox"/>	
HOME STREET ADDRESS	MAILING STREET ADDRESS (if different)
CITY, STATE	CITY, STATE
ZIP CODE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE	ALT. PHONE
EMAIL	

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION (if currently in High School)
HIGH SCHOOL NAME
HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE
HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONTACT (if currently in high school)
Name
Phone

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR FALL 2017 (ANTICIPATED FOR HS SENIORS)
UNIVERSITY NAME
COLLEGE/PROGRAM NAME
DEGREE ANTICIPATED (Major) (Minor)
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE
COLLEGE CONTACT (Dean/Counselor/Professor) (if currently an undergraduate student)
Name
Phone



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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM (Continued)

GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION (If in or going to Graduate School for 2017/2018)	
UNIVERSITY NAME	
COLLEGE/PROGRAM NAME	
DEGREE ANTICIPATED (Major)	(Minor)
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE	
COLLEGE CONTACT (Dean/Counselor/Professor) (if currently a graduate student)	
Name	
Phone	

EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Current or Previous, please provide summer internships if any)	
EMPLOYER	CONTACT NAME
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE	
PART TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> FULL TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER POSITION? <input type="checkbox"/>	
POSITION/WORK DESCRIPTION	
Are you in an employer sponsored tuition program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, provide details.	

REFERENCE INFORMATION
REFERENCE NAME
REFERENCE EMPLOYER
WORK ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP
WORK PHONE
APWA CHAPTER & BRANCH AFFILIATION (if any)



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & NEED

Please provide details on any financial programs from which you did or will receive monies. Please be specific. We will only consider providing scholarships toward tuition as well as books, fees, supplies and equipment if required of all students in the course. Please provide Room and Board information to assist in evaluating need.

Note: Total Dollar Value between need and assistance should match.

ANTICIPATED NEED	Fall 2017	Spring 2018
Tuition & Fees		
Books, Supplies, & Equipment		
Room & Board		
Total Anticipated Need		

Total Monies Received (be specific and outline each fund source, e.g. grants, scholarships, assistantships):

ANTICIPATED ASSISTANCE	Fall 2017	Spring 2018
Student/Parent Contribution		
Loans		
Grants		
Total Anticipated Assistance		

I certify that all the information submitted in this application to be true and correct. I further certify that neither I nor any member of my family is an officer, director or a member of the Northwest Branch board of the APWA, Illinois Chapter.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Applicant)



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ESSAY SECTION

Name _____ Date _____

It is recommended to obtain an electronic fillable word document online at <http://illinois.apwa.net/>. **Alternately, please address the sections below on a separate page for each question.**

1. Describe your field of study or your anticipated degree program and detail the type of employment you expect to find in a Public Works due to your educational background.
2. Please list the extracurricular activities you have been involved in during school. What skills have you developed during your extracurricular activities that you feel will be important in your chosen career?

For current high school students:

3. What interests you about a career in Public Works?

For current undergraduate or graduate students that are studying part or full time:

4. What is one course that you feel has prepared you for a career in Public Works? Why do you feel this is important for your chosen type of employment indicated in answer 1?

If you have previously received an APWA scholarship:

4. Please describe your experience and specific ways that it impacted your educational experience and how it is motivating you to continue to pursue a career in public works/engineering.