



## 2012 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association Scholarship Program is designed to assist those individuals who are pursuing a career in the public works field. Encompassing disciplines from engineering, public administration, or continuing education for career enhancement of public agency employees is the philosophy of the Association. This assistance in education promotes and ensures a continuation of the high level of skill, talent, and professionalism that is the pride of every member.

For more than one hundred years, the American Public Works Association (APWA) and its Chapters traditionally strive for the advancement and continued development of all of the various components that make up the Public Works family. It is incumbent upon the membership of the Florida Chapter to lend a helping hand to those who have chosen the public works field as their career. The Scholarship Program is an intricate part of achieving this goal.

In addition to traditional college or university scholarships, the Florida Chapter APWA will be awarding scholarships to individuals that are enrolled or are considering enrollment into the Florida Public Works Institute (FPWI) or a Public Works Academy programs. The FPWI program and Public Works Academies provide leadership, management and operational training for public works employees who are looking to enhance their skills and advance their careers by developing an emphasis in real-world situations.

## SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

The Florida Chapter Scholarship Program includes five (5) categories for which scholarships are awarded:

1. **CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** Awarded to a full or part-time employee of a public works agency who, within the 2011 calendar year, has successfully completed formal training to enhance their professional development for public works employment or advancement opportunities. Examples of training include (but not limited to): heavy equipment certification; APWA Emerging Leaders Academy; Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association courses; CDL; and entry level college courses that pertain to the Public Works field. Documentation of successful completion of the training must be submitted with scholarship application. \$250 Award
2. **PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY PROGRAM:** Awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled or is considering enrollment into a public works academy program to enhance their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement. \$250 Award
3. **PUBLIC WORKS INSTITUTE (FPWI) PROGRAM:** Awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled or is considering enrollment into the FPWI program to enhance their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement. \$500 Award
4. **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:** Awarded to a college student who is currently enrolled and has earned at least 60 credit hours through enrollment at an accredited college or university, seeking a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering or other public works related field. \$1,000 Award
5. **GRADUATE PROGRAM:** : Awarded to a person who is currently enrolled and pursuing an advanced degree in Public Works Engineering, Management, Public Administration, or other public works related field at an accredited college or university. \$1,000 Award

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Award amounts are determined each year by the Florida Chapter Executive Committee.
- Funds shall be used for student fees including, but not limited to, tuition and books at an accredited private college; state university or college; technical centers and agencies; Florida Public Works Institute; or Florida Public Works Academy.
- Recipients shall furnish receipts to the Scholarship Committee, upon request, validating proper use of funds.
- Failure to furnish receipts, or spending funds on unapproved items, will result in the applicant being ineligible for future funding.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Florida Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairman will inform each applicant, prior to the Annual Meeting and Trade Show, as to the status of their application and the date the scholarship will be awarded. SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE PRESENTED IN CATEGORIES AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The application procedure is as follows:

- A. Obtain an application in any of the following ways:
  1. Contact a member of the American Public Works Association Branch in the applicant's area and request an application.
  2. Contact the Florida Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairman and request an application.
  3. Contact the appropriate guidance counselor at the college or university the applicant attends and request a Florida Chapter APWA Scholarship Application.
  4. Visit the Florida Chapter APWA website at <http://florida.apwa.net/> and download a copy.
- B. Complete the application. Include all requested information. Incomplete applications, applications that do not include the requested documents and information, and applications not received by the submittal deadline **will not** be considered for award.
- C. All applicants **must provide** a personal statement that includes information about career goals, background and any other information that would assist the committee in judging eligibility for the scholarship award. Personal statements should not exceed two pages (12 fonts, double space).
- D. Return the application to the Florida Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairman:

**Russell Ketchem, Scholarship Chair**  
**City of Pompano Beach**  
**1190 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave**  
**Pompano Beach, Florida 33060**  
**Phone: (954) 913-3442**  
**Russell.Ketchem@COPBFL.com**

- E. **Deadline for Submittal is March 9, 2012.** If application requirements are not met, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered eligible for award.
- F. Scholarships are awarded for one year only. Applicants must apply for award each year. The actual number of scholarships awarded each year is contingent upon available Chapter funds.
- G. The total number of scholarships and amount awarded in each category may vary each year.
- H. The Scholarship Chairman shall conduct the presentation of the scholarship award at the Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show Awards and Scholarship Luncheon held April 5, 2012 in Tampa Bay, Florida. Scholarship recipients must attend the APWA Awards and Scholarship Luncheon to receive the award.



## 2012 Scholarship Application Form

Please type or print all information on the application form. If application requirements (page 2, PROCEDURE) are not met, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered eligible for award. **Deadline for submittal is March 9, 2012.**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (You must check the appropriate scholarship program (**only one please**) for which you are applying)

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- UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:** Awarded to a college student who is currently enrolled and has earned at least 60 credit hours through enrollment at an accredited college or university, seeking a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Civil Engineering or any public works related field. ***The applicant must provide an official transcript from an accredited college/university with this application.***
- GRADUATE PROGRAM:** Awarded to a person who is currently enrolled and pursuing an advanced degree in Public Works Engineering, Management, Public Administration, or any public works related field at an accredited college or university. ***The applicant must provide an official transcript from an accredited college/university with this application.***

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell Number (daytime contact where you can be reached) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth *MM/DD/YYYY* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of APWA: If yes, what Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen / Resident Alien\*  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (\*This is for taxing purposes only and will not effect application review.)

Estimated percentage of educational costs you personally earn and pay for: \_\_5% \_\_25% \_\_50% \_\_75% \_\_100%

### EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone/ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current College / University / FPWI / PWA \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone/ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_