

# ACWA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) began its scholarship program in 1961 to motivate committed students to join the effort to ensure California's water quality through sound management policies. This year, ACWA continues its academic scholarship program by offering a number of scholarships, including the ACWA Scholarship.

Please review the following ACWA scholarship guidelines thoroughly before completing the scholarship application.

Applicants who do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements will not be considered.

**APPLICATIONS  
MUST BE SUBMITTED  
ELECTRONICALLY BY  
MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR.**



Each year, ACWA awards two **\$3,500** scholarships to qualified students.

## ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be a **California resident** at the time of application;
- Applicants must be attending an accredited, **University of California** or **California State University** at the start of the academic year;
- Applicants must be **pursuing an undergraduate degree** in a **water resources-related** field of study related to engineering, agricultural and/or urban water supply, environmental studies or public administration;
- Applicants must be **at least a junior** at the time of the award;
- Applicants must commit to **full-time enrollment** (12 semester units or 16 quarter units) **for the entire academic year**;
- Applicants must submit at least **two current letters of recommendation** (but no more than three), with at least one of the letters originating from a college professor or employer;
- Applicants must submit **official transcripts** for each college they have attended; printed class schedules will not be accepted; and
- Applicants must submit an **essay** responding to a specific prompt (no more than 800 words).

## CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SELECTION

- Scholastic achievement;
- Demonstrated motivation to the vocation of water resources-related management;
- The quality of the student's essay; and
- Commitment to full-time enrollment for the entire academic year.

## PURPOSE AND DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship funds are **not** disbursed to the student directly. Funds are disbursed to the appropriate Financial Aid Office in a lump sum of \$3,500 and must be applied to the student's account for tuition and fees. Scholarship funds should not be transferred directly to the student or be used for any other purpose. If a scholarship recipient fails to meet the terms of this scholarship in any way, the award may be rescinded.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Email [scholarships@acwa.com](mailto:scholarships@acwa.com)  
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