The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) began its scholarship program in 1961 to ensure that motivated and committed students join in the effort to ensure California’s water quality, and to implement sound water management policies. This year, ACWA continues its academic scholarship program by offering a graduate level scholarship, the Stephen K. Hall ACWA Water Law & Policy Scholarship.

Please review the following 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 one $10,000 scholarship to a qualified graduate student.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be attending an accredited, public or private U.S. college at the start of the academic year covered by the scholarship;
- Applicants must be pursuing a graduate degree (Master’s, PhD, or Law School) in water law, water policy or public administration with a demonstrated concentration in the field of water resources;
- Applicants must commit to full-time enrollment (8 semester units or 10 2/3 quarter units) for the entire academic year covered by the scholarship;
- Applicants must submit three current letters of recommendation, with at least one of the letters originating from a college professor or employer on business letterhead;
- Applicants must submit official transcripts for each college they have attended; printed class schedules will not be accepted;
- Applicants must submit an essay responding to specific prompt (no more than 1,000 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 $10,000 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 If a scholarship recipient fails to meet the terms of this scholarship in any way, the award may be rescinded.