

SOUTH SURBAN WATER

WORKS ASSOCIATION



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RE: WaterCon Scholarship

Dear Members,

The South Suburban Water Works Association (SSWWA) develops and supports people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain, and improve our water systems. Working together, SSWWA and its membership contribute to a higher and sustainable quality of life.

Part of the Association's mission is to help communities understand the critical role that waterworks operations play in our lives. To fulfill this mission, the SSWWA has created a scholarship program this year to award selected members. The goal of the scholarship is to introduce educational opportunities to waterworks officials who, due to funding constraints, would not normally be able to attend WaterCon, the Illinois American Water Works Association (IL-AWWA) annual educational convention in Springfield. Eligibility for this scholarship is only open to public works officials and does not include contractors, engineers, sales representatives, etc.

Each scholarship winner will receive (1) complimentary entrance to the convention for three days, and a \$500 stipend for meals and lodging. Scholarship Reimbursement policy: Recipients will be responsible, initially, for all expenses (travel, lodging meals), and making all travel arrangements. Winners will provide documentation they attended the conference and then will be given the \$500 stipend.

Sincerely,

Tom Nagle

Thomas E. Nagle, PE

Robinson Engineering, Ltd.

Watercon Scholarship Co-Chairman

Mark Siefert

Mark Siefert, MPA

City of Crest Hill

Watercon Scholarship Co-Chairman

Awards Available

- 1 or 2 \$500 scholarship for each selected applicant
- Additional scholarships may be awarded if funding and applicants are available

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a member of the South Suburban Water Works Association (SSWWA).
- Applicant must be employed by public water systems. Contractors, engineers, sales representatives, etc., are not eligible for the scholarship.
- Applicants' employer must not be offering reimbursement for such conferences.
- The applicant was unable to attended WaterCon in the past one (1) years due to funding restrictions.
- Previous winners of the WaterCon Scholarship are not eligible for future WaterCon scholarships.

Judging Criteria

Applicants will be chosen by random drawing.

Deadlines

- Applications must be submitted by e-mail to Tom Nagle at <u>tnagle@reltd.com</u> by noon on <u>January 10</u>,
 2020. And notified by January 15th (Conference is March 23rd)
- Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.

Submittals

- To be considered for a scholarship, the following must be completed and submitted by the deadline:
 - The General Information Form
- Sign and date the application. Electronic signatures for applications submitted by e-mail are acceptable.

 An electronic copy of this application can be downloaded from http://sswwa.org/E-mail Submittals
- Applications must be e-mailed by noon, November 1, 2019 to Tom Nagle, at <u>Tnagle@reltd.com</u>. Please include the title "SSWWA WaterCon Scholarship Program" in the subject portion of the e-mail

Questions

 Please e-mail any questions to Tom Nagle at <u>Tnagle@reltd.com</u> or Mark Siefert at MSiefert@cityofcresthill.com

Disclaimer

• The SSWWA reserve the right to deny applicants for any scholarship if applications do not meet the requirements outlined in this document.

WaterCon Description

The conference is the largest gathering of water professionals in Illinois and is designed to offer exceptional educational and networking opportunities. This event attracted over 1,600 attendees. WATERCON attendees come from not only Illinois, but Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia and even as far away as Texas. Attendees from many different disciplines attend this conference. They represent both small and large utilities. The conference will include sessions and learning opportunities with tangible takeaways on a variety of topics important to your community, such as potable water, wastewater, storm water, underground utilities, government finance and lake management. The exhibit hall will have over 200 vendors with information on a variety of industry products and services.



SOUTH SUBURBAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION WaterCon Scholarship Application



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Home Street Address City, State, Zip Phone Email	Member Since Mailing Street Address (if different) City, State, Zip Alternate Phone
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT Part Time	Full Time Not Currently Employed
Employer	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Position/Work Description	
Signature	Date

By submitting this application, I agree that should I receive a Scholarship, I will commit to pay any remaining costs to attend the aforementioned program, and will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$500. I certify that all the information submitted in this application to be true and correct and any misinformation will be grounds for disqualification.