



South Suburban Water Works Association

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Dear Members:

The South Suburban Water Works Association (SSWWA) has established a scholarship fund to assist full-time and part-time students who wish to further their education beyond high school. We are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. This year, the SSWWA will be awarding one (1) - \$2,000 Association Member Special Scholarship, one (1) \$1,000 scholarship, and two (2) - \$500.00 scholarships.

Qualifications are as follows:

\$2000.00 Association Member Special Scholarship – For an immediate Association Member only and in good standing. All remaining Scholarship rules apply.

\$1,000.00 & \$500.00 Scholarship - Any student related to a current SSWWA member who is currently enrolled or planning to attend an accredited, or otherwise recognized post high school institution, and has not previously won a SSWWA scholarship, may apply. If you have applied in the past but have not won a scholarship, please apply again.

A related family member is defined as a parent, spouse, grandparent, or aunt/uncle. Applications can be downloaded at <http://sswwa.org/> and are to be e-mailed to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at the address listed below, by noon, May 6, 2025. The application should be a single PDF containing all required paperwork. The PDF shall be named "2025 SSWWA Scholarship YOUR LAST NAME." Winners will be notified on or around May 12, 2025. Recipients will be invited to the SSWWA Annual Golf Outing May 15, 2025, to receive their award. If awardee is unable to attend the Golf Outing the check will be sent via mail. Note: Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.

Please review the attached Scholarship Fact Sheet for a complete listing of rules, deadlines, and other important information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the scholarship committee members.

Sincerely,

David Vavrek

David Vavrek
Scholarship Chairman

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The South Suburban Water Works Association Scholarship Fact Sheet

Awards Available

- 1 - \$2,000 special scholarship for an immediate Association Member applicant only.
- 1 - \$1,000 scholarship for applicants.
- 2 - \$500.00 scholarships for applicants.

Eligibility

- You must be related to a current South Suburban Water Works Association member.
- A related family member is defined as parent, spouse, grandparent, or aunt/uncle
- You must be currently enrolled, accepted or planning to attend, an accredited or otherwise recognized post-secondary educational/vocational institution.
- Previous winners are not eligible for this year's scholarship.

Judging Criteria

- Applicants will be judged on the content of their essay, the degree of community involvement and professionalism of the overall application.

Deadlines

- Applications and supporting materials must be submitted by e-mail to David Vavrek at dvavrek@baxterwoodman.com by noon on May 6, 2025.
- Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.
- Grading of applications will be completed on or about May 11, 2025.
- Winners will be notified on or about May 12, 2025.
- Scholarships will be awarded at the SSWWA Annual Golf Outing on May 15, 2025.

E-mail Address

- Applications must be e-mailed by noon, May 6, 2025, to:
David Vavrek
Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers
dvavrek@baxterwoodman.com
- Mark the subject line of the e-mail "**SSWWA Scholarship YOUR LAST NAME**"

Please feel free contact any of the SSWWA Scholarship Committee Members with questions:

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SOUTH SUBURBAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

2025/2026 Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

E-mail Address:

Street:

City, State, Zip:

Phone (Day):

Date of Birth:

SOUTH SUBURBAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

SSWWA Sponsor:

Relationship:

Place of
Employment:

Sponsor's Email:

Sponsor's Phone:

PLEASE CHECK
as applicable

Current High School Senior

2025/2026 Undergraduate

2025/2026 Graduate

Program 2025/2026 Full Time

Program 2025/2026 Part-

Student

Time Student

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High
School Attended:

Date of
Graduation:

on a scale of

Grade Point
Average:

Last Grade/Year
Completed:

COLLEGE INFORMATION (if applicable)

Name of College
Attending:

Anticipated Date
of Graduation:

Grade Point
Average:

Anticipated
Degree:

Number of Hours
Completed:

Last Grade/Year
Completed:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Volunteer and
Community
Involvement:

Sports and Clubs:

Other
Organizations:

Honors and
Awards:

Hobbies and
Interests:

ESSAY QUESTION (800 - 1,000 words)

1. Water Utilities are facing a public perception hurdle due to situations like lead and/or fluoride in water, negative advertisement of public water supplies from the bottled water industry and even negative social media commenting. What can these utilities do to raise awareness of the total water cycle and promote a positive public perception of tap water?

PERSONAL TESTAMENT

I attest to the information contained on this application as being true, and I have not received any help writing this essay. I further understand that if any information is found to be false, it will result in my application being terminated.

Type Full Name
as signature:

Date: