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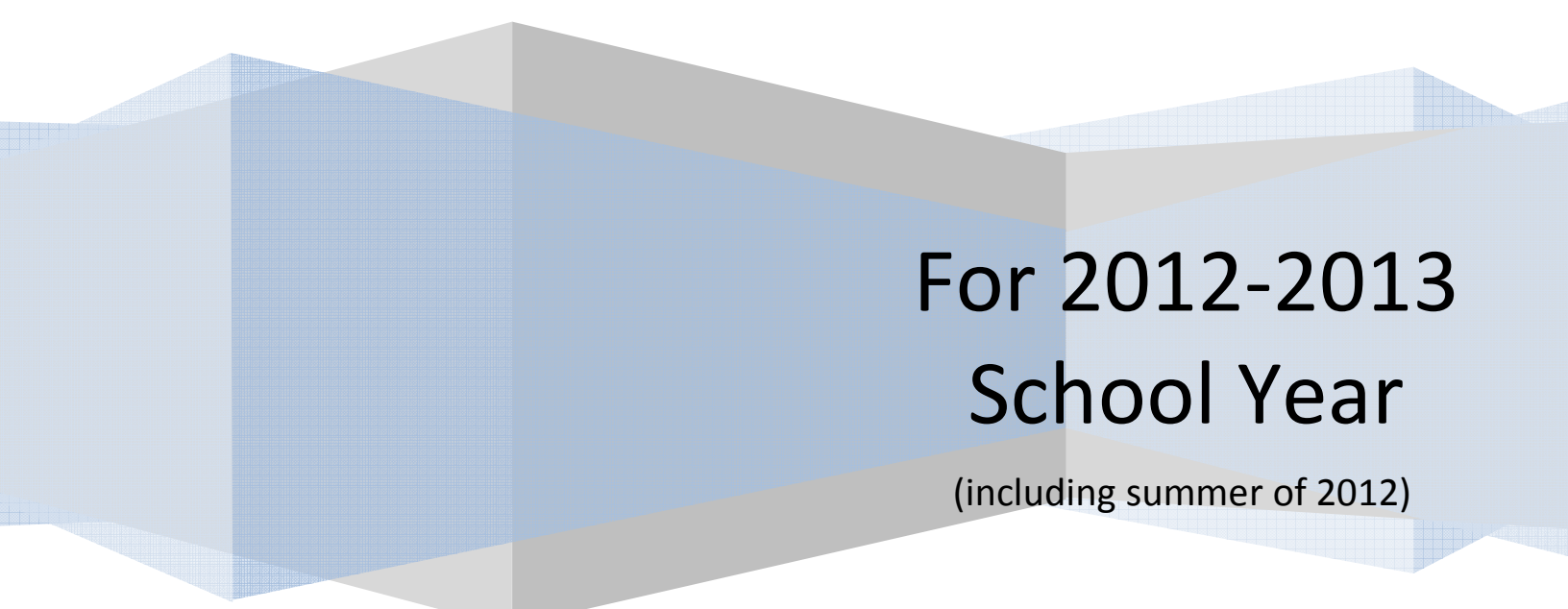
Illinois Section American Water Works Association

Outreach Committee

Safe Water Scholarship Awards

Multiple scholarships worth \$500 to \$1,000 each are available for students in the following programs:

- Adult Continuing Education (full- or part-time)
- College Undergraduate (full-time)
- Technical School (full-time)
- Enrichment Program (high school)

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**For 2012-2013
School Year**

(including summer of 2012)

Dear Applicant,

Illinois Section American Water Works Association (ISAWWA) is dedicated to the promotion of public health and welfare in the provision of drinking water in sufficient quality and quantity. ISAWWA is proactive in advancing the technology, science, management, conservation, and government policies relative to the stewardship of water.

Recognizing that water is the basic element of life, ISAWWA values are:

- **Safe and Sufficient Water for All People.** ISAWWA is committed to safeguarding public health by adhering to the principle that the public has an absolute right to safe water in sufficient quantity to meet community needs.
- **Consumer Confidence and Satisfaction.** ISAWWA is committed to achieving consumer confidence and satisfaction with tap water.
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- **Trust and Teamwork.** ISAWWA members will openly share information and solve problems in a spirit of cooperation.

The ISAWWA Outreach Committee's mission is to educate the general public on the essential functions and importance of the water industry, the water cycle and water treatment, and career paths in the water industry. In fulfillment of the mission, the committee is pleased to announce the following scholarships for water-related fields of study for the 2012-2013 academic year (including summer of 2012):

- **Adult Continuing Education (full- or part-time)**
- **College Undergraduate (full-time)**
- **Technical School (full-time)**
- **High School Enrichment Program**

ISAWWA encourages school guidance counselors/career planning personnel to promote these financial opportunities to students.

Best Regards,
ISAWWA Outreach Committee

Application Instructions

Individuals should submit an application to apply for **one** of the scholarships listed on page 1 of this packet. Once completed, please submit the application forms and all supporting materials in one packet. See pages 6-7 for a list of what must be included for each scholarship category. You will only be considered for the one scholarship that you check off in the award list on pages 6-7 of this packet.

The selection committee will distribute the total scholarship fund of \$3,500 to the applicants it has deemed to be most highly qualified. Awards may not necessarily be made in all categories.

This year's scholarship packet includes the following:

- Scholarship application instructions, form, agreement and judging criteria (pages 3-5).
- Description of the scholarships available for the 2012-2013 academic year (pages 6-7).
- Details on requirements for the Scholarship Essay and Personal Statement (page 8).
- Scholarship application checklists to assure that you have included all required essays and documentation (page 9).

Please note that applicants are responsible for submitting all required materials. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed, nor will applicants be contacted to request missing materials.

Applications should be mailed to:

ISAWWA Scholarships
Attn: Laurie Dougherty
545 S. Randall Road
St. Charles, IL 60174

The application deadline is **December 15, 2011** for scholarships to be awarded for the 2012-13 school year. Applications postmarked after December 15, 2011, will not be eligible for consideration for the scholarships.

Thank you for applying for the 2012-2013 ISAWWA Outreach Committee: Safe Water Scholarships - we wish you the best of luck!

Scholarship winners will be notified in writing by February 15, 2012, and posted on the ISAWWA web site – www.isawwa.org – by March 1, 2012.

Scholarship Application Form

Name (last, first, middle initial): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Anticipated or Actual Date of high school or college graduation: _____ (month/year)

Intended Major or Field of Study: _____

I am/will be attending _____ (school name)

Cumulative GPA: _____ / _____ (not applicable for Adult Continuing Education category)

Scholarship Agreement

Scholarships awarded by the ISAWWA Outreach Committee require recipients to fulfill certain criteria while they hold the scholarship. The criteria for your scholarship require you to:

1. Meet the minimum entrance standards of the institution in which you are enrolled at the time the scholarship is awarded. Scholarship applicants must be residents of Illinois and/or students attending accredited schools or certification programs in Illinois.
2. Be enrolled or accepted into a water-related secondary, continuing-education, or enrichment program for the 2012-2013 academic year (includes summer 2012). Applicants' field of study must be in a water-related field, such as civil or environmental engineering, water system operations/management, or environmental science.
3. Applicants may be interviewed by the selection committee for further consideration. The selection committee will contact the applicant if an interview is necessary to arrange a meeting time and location.

If you agree to accept and meet the application criteria, please sign the bottom portion of this sheet and return it to the ISAWWA Outreach Committee along with your completed application and all supporting documents before the deadline.

I accept the scholarship application criteria offered to me by the ISAWWA Outreach Committee for the 2012-2013 academic year. I also understand that I must meet the above requirements for the scholarship I am awarded before the funds will be dispersed. Further, I realize that if I fail to fulfill this requirement I forfeit my scholarship award.

Applicant Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant under 18 years of age as of 12/15/2010) Date

Judging Criteria

Essay	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grammar, organization, style, vocabulary○ Future education and career goals○ See page 8 for details
Merit	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Academic performance○ Experience in water careers (Adult Continuing Education category only)
Personal Statement	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Relevant coursework, volunteer work, and career experiences○ See page 8 for details
Recommendation Letters	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Two required○ Sealed and signed
Leadership	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Extracurricular activities○ Community service/volunteering○ Technical/professional groups○ Employment

Scholarships Categories

Check below the scholarship category for which you wish to apply (check one box only). It is essential that you know the eligibility requirements for the scholarship you are seeking and provide documentation of eligibility as noted below. Scholarship applicants must be residents of Illinois and/or students attending accredited schools or certification programs in Illinois.

Adult Continuing Education Category

For adult learners enrolled in non-traditional continuing education programs to earn an Associate's or Bachelor's degree towards any water-related field.

The application package must include:

- A current resume highlighting work, leadership, academic, and volunteer experiences.
- A copy of your high school diploma (or equivalent) and a transcript of any college courses taken.
- The completed scholarship application form and scholarship agreement.
- Additional pages, as necessary, to answer the Essay and Personal Statement required for this scholarship. Each document must be clearly labeled to distinguish between the Essay and Personal Statement.
- Two letters of reference from two faculty members, employers, and/or representatives of a service organization you are currently affiliated with. Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the author's initials along the seal.

College Undergraduate Category

For current full-time college or university students in any field or discipline with personal emphasis or interest in a water-related career path. Includes high school seniors accepted to college.

The application package must include:

- Current college undergrads: A copy of your transcript of college courses taken demonstrating a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- High school seniors: A copy of your high school transcript demonstrating a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- A current resume highlighting academic, work, leadership, and extracurricular experiences.
- The completed scholarship application form and scholarship agreement.
- Additional typed pages, as necessary, to answer the Essay and Personal Statement required for this scholarship. Each document must be clearly labeled to distinguish between the Essay and Personal Statement.
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Technical School Category

For current full-time technical school or water certification program students in any field or discipline with personal emphasis or interest in a water-related career path.

The application package must include:

- A copy of your high school transcript demonstrating a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- A copy of your transcript of technical school/certification courses taken demonstrating a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- A current resume highlighting academic, work, leadership, and extracurricular experiences.
- The completed scholarship application form and scholarship agreement.
- Additional typed pages, as necessary, to answer the Essay and Personal Statement required for this scholarship. Each document must be clearly labeled to distinguish between the Essay and Personal Statement.
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High School Enrichment Scholarship

For a current high school sophomore or junior to further their high school education in preparation for college or a vocational field related to water through a summer or academic-year enrichment program.

The application package must include:

- A copy of your high school transcript demonstrating a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- A current resume highlighting academic, work, leadership, and extracurricular experiences.
- The completed scholarship application form and scholarship agreement.
- Additional pages, as necessary, to answer the Essay and Personal Statement required for this scholarship. Each document must be clearly labeled to distinguish between the Essay and Personal Statement.
- Two letters of reference from faculty members, employers, and/or representatives of a service organization you are currently affiliated with. Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the author's initials along the seal.

Essay and Personal Statement Requirements

All applicants must answer the general scholarship essay question below and supply a personal statement as described below. Please limit your typed responses for each item to 500 words or less each.

Scholarship Essay (500 words or less)

- Please state how your professional and educational goals align with the ISAWWA values:
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Personal Statement (500 words or less)

- In general, describe participation and leadership experience in school and/or community activities, community service, volunteer activities, extracurricular activities, or employment experience.
- In particular, describe any work experience, classwork, science fair/research projects, and extracurricular/volunteer projects that are related to water supply, treatment, or conservation.

ISAWWA Outreach Committee: Safe Water Scholarship Application Checklist

- High School Diploma, and/or High School/College/Technical School Transcript (where applicable)
- Resume highlighting academic, work, and extracurricular experiences.
- Completed application form and signed agreement (pages 4)
- One box checked under Scholarship Category (page 6-7)
- Typed responses to the Scholarship Essay and Personal Statement (each document may be up to 500 words in length)
- Two sealed and initialed letters of reference

ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, ESSAYS AND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY December 15, 2010, to be considered for the 2012-2013 academic year (including summer of 2012).

**QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION OR THE ISAWWA CAN BE DIRECTED TO:
LAURIE DOUGHERTY AT 866-521-3595 OR VIA EMAIL AT laurie@isawwa.org.**

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