

A blue banner at the top of the page features a central graphic of a water drop falling into a pool of water, creating ripples. The text "Illinois Section American Water Works Association" is centered below the graphic.

Illinois Section American Water Works Association

## Outreach Committee

# Safe Water Scholarship Awards

- \$1000 Adult Continuing Education Scholarship
- \$1000 Undergraduate Scholarship
- \$1000 First-Year Undergraduate Scholarship
- \$500 High School Enrichment Scholarship

**Application Deadline: December 15, 2009**

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**2010-2011**  
(including summer of 2010)

**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.
- **Honesty and Integrity.** ISAWWA is committed to honesty and integrity in all actions of our staff and members.
- **Total Water Stewardship.** ISAWWA is dedicated to assuring water is managed for the greatest good of people and the environment.
- **Commitment to Excellence.** ISAWWA is committed to the highest standards of service, products, operations, and education.
- **Diversity.** ISAWWA is dedicated to remaining inclusive, and expanding the diversity of our staff, membership, and leadership.
- **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 2010/2011 academic year (including summer of 2010):

- **Adult Continuing Education Scholarship – up to \$1000**
- **Undergraduate Scholarship – up to \$1000**
- **First-Year Undergraduate Scholarship – up to \$1000**
- **High School Enrichment Scholarship – up to \$500**

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. You will only be considered for the one scholarship that you check off in the award list on pages 6-7 of this packet.

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 2010-2011 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, 2009** for the 2010/2011 ISAWWA Outreach Committee: Safe Water Scholarship awards (Adult Continuing Education, Undergraduate, First-Year Undergraduate, or High School Enrichment). Applications postmarked after December 15, 2009 will not be eligible for consideration for the scholarships.

Thank you for applying for the 2010/2011 ISAWWA Outreach Committee: Safe Water Scholarships - we wish you the best of luck!

## 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 Scholarship)

### 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 2010-2011 academic year (includes summer 2010). Applicants' field of study must be in a water-related field, such as civil or environmental engineering, water system operations, 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 2010-2011 academic year. I also understand that I must enroll for and successfully complete 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 11/30/2009)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Judging Criteria

Essay	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grammar, organization, style, vocabulary</li><li>○ Future education and career goals</li><li>○ See page 8 for details</li></ul>
Merit	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Academic performance</li><li>○ Experience in Water Careers (Adult Continuing Education Scholarship only)</li></ul>
Personal Statement	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Relevant coursework/career experiences</li><li>○ See page 8 for details</li></ul>
Recommendation Letters	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ One required</li><li>○ Sealed and signed</li></ul>
Leadership	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Extracurricular Activities</li><li>○ Community Service/Volunteering</li><li>○ Technical/Professional Groups</li><li>○ Employment</li></ul>

## Scholarships Descriptions

Check below for the scholarship for which you wish to apply of the four that are offered (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 Scholarship**

For adult learners enrolled in non-traditional continuing education programs to earn an Associate's degree towards any water-related field. Value: One scholarship up to \$1000 towards one course in the 2010-2011 academic year (including summer of 2010).

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.
- 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.

**Undergraduate Scholarship**

For current full-time college or university students in any field or discipline with personal emphasis or interest in a water-related field. Value: Up to \$1,000 in scholarships for one semester in the 2010-2011 academic year (including summer of 2010).

The application package must include:

- A copy of your transcript of college 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.
- 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.

**First-Year Undergraduate Scholarship**

For graduating high school seniors entering college or university full-time in any field or discipline with personal emphasis on interest in a water-related field. Value: Up to \$1,000 in scholarships for one semester in the 2010-2011 academic year (including summer of 2010).

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 typed pages, as necessary, to answer the Essay and Personal Statement required for this scholarship.
- 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.

**High School Continuing Education 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. Value: One scholarship up to \$500 towards one course in the 2010-2011 academic year (includes summer of 2010).

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.
- 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.

### Scholarship Essay

- Please state how your professional and educational goals align with the ISAWWA values:
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### Personal Statement

- 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 or College Transcript or Diploma (if applicable)
- Resume highlighting academic, work, and extracurricular experiences.
- Completed application form and signed agreement (pages 4)
- One box checked under Scholarship Description (page 6-7)
- Typed responses to the Scholarship Essay and Personal Statement (500 words or less each)
- Two sealed and initialed letters of reference

**ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, ESSAYS AND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY December 15, 2009, to be considered for the 2010/2011 academic year (including summer of 2010).**

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

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