

SWANA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DECISION GUIDE for CATEGORY II SCHOLARSHIPS

(entering juniors or seniors in college/university) and CATEGORY III SCHOLARSHIPS (graduate school)

(NOT relevant for Category I, IA, IIB, or IIIB scholarships)

DEADLINE: May 1 - All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by the **appropriate Chapter** Scholarship Committee Chair(s).

Full-time student applicants for Category II and III scholarships must be SWANA student members prior to submitting their scholarship application. Students can join **two chapters for free**, e.g., the chapter where your college/university is located or where your parent or grandparent works if they are a member of another SWANA chapter. As soon as a student applies electronically, the student will be considered a member.

Check <https://swana.org/Membership/Chapters/ChapterContacts.aspx> for the name(s) of the SWANA chapter(s) where you wish to become a student member.

Apply for student membership at <https://swana.org/Membership/MembershipInformation/StudentMembership.aspx>.

Student members may wish to apply for either a **SWANA International** scholarship and/or, if certain eligibility criteria are met, a SWANA Mid-Atlantic **Chapter** scholarship. This determines whether you need to join one chapter or two, and whether you need to transmit your application to two different chapters or not.

You must join the SWANA chapter as a student member where your college/university is located and submit your application to that specific chapter if you wish to be considered for a **SWANA International** scholarship. You will need to check that chapter's website for information on how to submit your scholarship application. If your college/university is located in Maryland, Delaware, or the District of Columbia, then you will need to download the scholarship application from the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter website and transmit the completed application to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Committee for evaluation to be transmitted for a **SWANA International** scholarship. Only one application per scholarship category from each chapter can be forwarded to SWANA International.

However, if your college/university is not located in MD, DE, or DC, then you must also join the Mid-Atlantic Chapter as a student member if you are interested in being considered for a Mid-Atlantic **Chapter** scholarship. To be eligible for a Mid-Atlantic **Chapter** scholarship, in addition to being a student member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, then one of the following must also be valid:

1. You have a parent or grandparent, who is a member in good standing of the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter and who sponsors you; or
2. You have a parent or grandparent who is employed in the solid waste management field in Maryland, Delaware, or the District of Columbia **AND** you are sponsored by a SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter member in good standing; or
3. You as a SWANA student member are a legal resident of Maryland, Delaware, or the District of Columbia.

If you are eligible due to one of the above three criteria, your application will be evaluated **only** for a Mid-Atlantic **Chapter** scholarship; your application will **not** be evaluated to be sent to SWANA International for their scholarship program unless your college/university is located in MD, DE, or DC. If your college/university is located other than in MD, DE, or DC, your application must be transmitted to the SWANA chapter where your college/university is located if you wish to be considered for a **SWANA International** scholarship; in this scenario, you would need to transmit the same scholarship application to both the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Committee as well as to the scholarship committee of the chapter where your college/university is located.

If you have an internship or work assignment in another chapter area, you may want to check into their activities and programs as those new relationships can lead to additional support for your application.

If you are geographically located outside of the United States, its territories or Canada, send your completed application directly to SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator by May 1, 2020 for consideration for a SWANA International scholarship. In this case, you will not be eligible for any SWANA chapter scholarships.