

**2019**

**SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA  
(SWANA)**

**MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER**

**CATEGORY III**

**(Graduate Student)**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM  
INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION**

(Application due date is **May 1, 2019.**)

# SWANA

## MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER'S CATEGORY III

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

### I. DEADLINES

**May 1** -- All completed application forms and back-up documentation shall be **received** by the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

June 1 – The most qualified and eligible Chapter winner as determined by the Chapter shall be forwarded by the Chapter to the International Scholarship Committee for review.

June –Announcement and award of any Chapter scholarship winner(s).

July/August - - Announcement of International Scholarship winners.

### I. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

#### A. Eligibility

Category III applicants must be full-time students who are entering or who are in graduate school and are pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other suitable major related to the field of solid waste management.

To be considered for an award, the candidate must be either:

(1) the son, daughter, adopted son, adopted granddaughter, grandson or granddaughter of a SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Member (hereon known as sponsor), in good standing at the time of the recommendation, the application submittal, the selection, and the award, or

(2) a Student member at the time of application submittal, the selection, and the award, or

(3) the son, daughter, adopted son, adopted, granddaughter, grandson, or granddaughter of an employee in the solid waste field in the states of Maryland or Delaware, or Washington, DC ; and is sponsored by a Chapter member in good standing at the time of recommendation, the application submittal, the selection, and the award, or

(4) a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member in good standing at the time of the application submittal, the selection, and the award, or

(5) an employee in the solid waste field in the states of Maryland or Delaware, or Washington, DC; and is sponsored by a Chapter member in good standing at the time of recommendation, application submittal, the selection, and the award.

(Note--This category is not open to SWANA employees and members of SWANA employees' families).

SWANA and the Chapter pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to these programs, regardless of race, color, age, sex, marital or veteran status, creed, religion, or disability.

Only those applicants in the (1) and (2) eligibility categories above are eligible to be submitted by the Chapter to SWANA for consideration for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers scholarship. Eligibility categories (3), (4), and (5) are eligible for only a Chapter scholarship.

## **B. Award(s) by Chapter**

Each Chapter Category III scholarship amount is typically is \$750-\$1,000, but may be decreased or increased based on the number of applicants for all scholarship categories, the quality of the applications and their resultant scores, the availability of funds, etc., as solely determined by the Chapter at the time of the scholarship selection.

Likewise, the number of Chapter Category III scholarships to be awarded by the Chapter will vary depending on the number of applicants for all of the scholarship categories, the quality of the applications and their resultant scores, the availability of funds, etc., as solely determined by the Chapter at the time of scholarship selection. In addition, the Chapter may elect not to award any Category III scholarships if there are no qualified applications, as solely determined by the Chapter.

## **III. SCORING OF APPLICANTS for the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship and Mid-Atlantic Chapter Category III Scholarship (graduate student)**

1. Academics -- **30%**
  - a. GPA
  
2. Activities (whether on campus, community, or home) -- **20%**
  - b. Research Intern/Assistantship
  - c. Military Service
  - d. Volunteer Activities
  - e. Charitable, civic, or religious
  - f. Other
  
3. Relation of Studies to Solid Waste Management -- **50%**
  - a. Current courses and completed courses
  - b. Discussion on solid waste management
    - Clarity and organization of the work
    - Grammar and spelling
    - Accuracy and originality
    - Neatness

#### IV. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Each applicant will be required to submit the **completed application form with all of the appropriate attached forms** and to ensure that all of the following **back-up documentation is sent to the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson by May 1**.

- Current grade point average, and
- College/university transcripts.

The back-up documentation, in sealed envelopes, should be sent to the **Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson** by the institution issuing the grade and transcript.

Any of the above back-up documentation provided directly from the applicant will be considered invalid except in extreme cases where written permission is granted in advance by the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Applicants have the responsibility for verifying that their back-up documentation has been received by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Please leave sufficient time for the institution to process and mail your requested documentation. Be aware that if you miss the deadline of **May 1** for submittal of your application and back-up documentation, you may be disqualified at the sole option of the Chapter Scholarship Committee

Illegible applications or applications without proper signatures will not be accepted. If more space is required to document activities, these forms may be copied.

#### V. SUMMARY

With this document, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA has attempted to outline the application requirements for the Chapter Category III and Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Programs. We realize, however, that there will always be questions that cannot be answered on paper. If any questions or problems should arise, please feel free to contact the Chapter's Scholarship Chairperson.

SWANA believes that the education of both students and the general public is an important step in eliminating some of our biggest solid waste management problems in the world. Through the scholarship program, we are beginning to address the problem of educating you, the student, in the hopes of producing knowledgeable and responsible solid waste management professionals for the future. Good luck!

### **Category III Scholarship Application Submittals:**

From applicant by **May 1**:

1. Application
2. Advisor discussion
3. Discussion on solid waste management
4. Financial needs
5. Forms
  - a. Current or Completed Research Efforts

b. Current Courses

c. Activities

From college/university/graduate school(s) by **May 1**:

1. Grade point average
2. Transcript (through previous semester/quarter)

**Scholarship Committee Chairperson:**

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Chair, SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Committee  
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**SWANA**  
**MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER**  
**CATEGORY III APPLICATION**  
**(graduate students)**

1. Applicant's full name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant's address and telephone

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If *Student Member*, provide membership number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name, address and telephone of SWANA Member sponsor (including membership number)

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4. Sponsor's relationship to candidate \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sponsor's SWANA Chapter affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

6. Degrees) held

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Have the college(s)/university(ies) mail graduation and GPA verification to the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

8. If you are currently enrolled in graduate school or have been accepted to graduate school, provide the following:

University \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Department address and phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Major \_\_\_\_\_

Degree:  Masters       PhD      Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have graduate institution(s) mail graduation eligibility and GPA verification to the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson if applicable.

Attachments:

- Have your advisor provide a one-page discussion relative to your progress academically and its relationship to solid waste management. Advisor's name, address, telephone and signature must be included.
- Briefly discuss your views on solid waste management: what it is, who participates, what are the current issues facing the profession, and your thoughts on its future direction. (Note: If you had applied for a Category I and/or IA and/or II scholarship, the discussion must be new.)
- Submit a short statement of your financial needs, listing any other scholarships or educational funding awarded to date for the coming year in context with estimated tuition and related expenses. If applicable, please attach a copy of your Free Application for Financial Student Aid Student Assessment Report.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER CATEGORY III SCHOLARSHIP**

Documentation of **Current or Completed Research Efforts**  
(Describe the nature and purpose, research protocol, schedule status, results to date, any anticipated practical application, and any publications resulting from your research.)

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Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_



**MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER CATEGORY III SCHOLARSHIP**

Documentation of **Current Courses**

(Information required: Course title, credit hours, no more than 25-word description, and asterisk those related to solid waste management.)

Internship site (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Title and Credit Hours**

**Description**

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Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

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