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

**GRANT H. FLINT INTERNATIONAL
And**

**MID-ATLANTIC
CHAPTER**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAMS

CATEGORY I

**(High School Senior going to 1st Year of
College)**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION
(Application due date is **May 1, 2020**)**

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
For
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

I. DEADLINES and SCHEDULES

May 1 -- All completed application forms and back-up documentation must 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 Chapter Scholarship winner(s).

July/August -- Announcement of International Scholarship winners.

II. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A. Eligibility

Category I applicants must be graduating high school seniors, or graduate equivalent certified candidates, who have been accepted for enrollment in a junior college or four-year college or university.

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) 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 (Note--This "relationship" shall be explained in the box "Relationship to Applicant" under Sponsoring SWANA Member in the application.) , or
- (3) a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member in good standing at the time of the application submittal, the selection, and the award (Note--Sponsor member will be the name of the applicant in the application), or
- (4) 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 "relationship" shall be explained in the box "Relationship to Applicant" under Sponsoring SWANA Member in the application.)

(Note--This category is not open to Student Members, 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) eligibility category preceding are eligible to be submitted by the Chapter to SWANA for consideration for a Grant H. Flint Scholarship. Eligibility categories (2), (3), and (4) are eligible for only a Chapter scholarship.

B. Awards by SWANA International

Three \$5,000 Category I awards may be given annually by SWANA International. When possible, consideration may be given to awarding one applicant east of the Mississippi River, one applicant west of the Mississippi River and one applicant from Canada. SWANA reserves the right to award up to a total of \$20,000 per fiscal year in Categories I and II. If no submissions, or a lack of qualified submissions, are received in one of the two categories, the International Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make awards above and beyond the specified number in the other category with the total cash awards not to exceed \$20,000.

C. Award(s) by the Chapter

Each Chapter Category I scholarship amount is typically \$500-\$1,000, but may be increased or decreased based upon the number of applicants for all scholarship categories, the number of qualified applicants, the availability of funds, etc., as solely determined by the Chapter at the time of the scholarship selection.

Likewise, the number of Chapter Category I 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 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 I scholarships if there are no qualified applications, as solely determined by the Chapter.

III. SCORING OF APPLICANTS for Category I (graduating high school senior candidates who have been accepted for enrollment in a college or university)

A. Academics = 40% of your total score

SWANA's Scholarship Committee considers past academic performance an important selection criterion. Your application must provide enough information to allow the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your academic performance. Here is a list of REQUIRED and OPTIONAL materials used in evaluating Academic performance.

- **REQUIRED: Provide a transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed.**

This transcript may be an official or PDF copy of your high school transcript, but it is required to be attached to the application you provide to the Chapter. The transcript must provide marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance when measured on the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0). An example of one possible measure satisfying this request for U.S. based students is grade point average (GPA). SWANA acknowledges

that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures ***documented by the transcript.***

- **REQUIRED: Provide a copy of your acceptance letter to the college or university you will attend.**

Your acceptance letter must be attached to the application provided to the Chapter. Failure to provide this documentation is an automatic disqualification from further consideration in the Grant Flint Scholarship Program. The name of the college/university will be referenced on the award check issued by SWANA.

- **OPTIONAL: Academic achievement, awards, and honors.**

If applicable, attach documentation of other **academic** performance and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe will help the Scholarship Committee evaluate your application.

- **OPTIONAL: Scores from standardized tests**

These items are useful to the Scholarship Committee if included but may not be relevant to all geographic areas.

- ACT score. Include a copy of the test return you received or, if you wish to have your score released directly to the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson *in sealed envelope* at the address below.
- SAT score. Include a copy of the test return you received, or if you wish to have your score released directly to the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairperson *in sealed envelope* at the address below.

B. Extracurricular Activities = 25% of your total score

Extracurricular activities are activities connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum. Students choose to participate in these as part of their school experience. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Athletics on school-sponsored teams
- Music, drama, debate, and similar performance-related participation
- School-sponsored clubs
- Tutoring other students

Describe your participation, including your level of involvement, role, and when it occurred (number of school years, seasons, etc.). Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.

C. Community Activities and Citizenship = 25% of your total score

Community activities are programs offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Groups and volunteer activities sponsored by faith-based organization (e.g., participation in youth study and activity groups)
- Local community organizations (meal delivery, organized park clean-up, election volunteer, etc.)
- Coaching or officiating youth sports (e.g., Little League, youth soccer programs, etc.)
- High school ROTC participation or military service
- Employment

Describe what you did and how often you participated. Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your

application.

D. Essay = 10% of your total score

- **REQUIRED:** Applicants must write a short, original essay about the topic included in Question 8.

The Committee will consider:

- Relevance to the identified topic
- Clarity and organization of the work
- Grammar and punctuation
- Accuracy and originality

E. SWANA considers essays as potential blog posts on its social media, regardless of selection for a Grant H. Flint Scholarship.

F. Financial Need – not weighted

OPTIONAL: Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration during its deliberation. Some chapters may also consider financial need in their review of applications. Please do not attach forms that contain confidential personal information.

G. Disqualification

Submitting an application is not a guarantee of funding. The Scholarship Committee may disqualify an application for any of the following reasons.

- Applicant fails to meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the application to the Chapter or Staff Scholarship Administrator
- Chapter fails to provide its recommendations to SWANA by the June 1 deadline
- Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the coming semester
- Applicant does not provide all **REQUIRED** documentation identified above
- Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person
- Application is not legible
- Application is not signed by the applicant and Sponsor where indicated

III. QUESTIONS:

We realize there may be questions that aren't answered by this overview. Please direct your questions to your **Chapter's Scholarship Chairperson (see below)** or **SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator**, Sara Bixby at sbixby@swana.org.

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SWANA GRANT H. FLINT INTERNATIONAL and MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER
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CATEGORY I APPLICATION

1 Applicant's Information

Full Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

2 Sponsoring SWANA Member [SL1]

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Sponsor's SWANA Chapter:	

3 High School/Entity Issuing the Diploma and/or Transcript

Name of School:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone Number:	

4 College/University Information

Name of School:	
Location:	
Planned Major:	
How do you think your planned major might fit into a career in the solid waste industry?	

5 Academics = 40% of total score

REQUIRED: Attach your transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed.	
To aid the Committee’s review, indicate your cumulative mark or grade point average here and identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0 scale), if applicable.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant’s GPA or cumulative score: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum in the scoring/scale used: 	
REQUIRED: Attach a copy of your college/university acceptance letter.	
Optional:	Attach documentation of any other academic performance, awards, or recognition and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider.
Optional:	If available, identify scores from any standardized tests and attach a copy of the test return.
ACT	SAT

6 Extracurricular Activities = 25% of total score

REQUIRED: Complete and sign the attached page describing your involvement in extracurricular school activities , if any. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in extracurricular school activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.
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7 Community Activities = 25% of total score

REQUIRED: Complete the attached page describing your involvement in any community (non-school) programs or activities , if any. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in community activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.
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8 Essay Question = 10% of total score

REQUIRED: Attach a one-page essay about the role some aspect of solid waste management (e.g., education, recycling, food waste recovery, composting, landfilling, etc.) plays in addressing an environmental issue currently in the news. What are the responsibilities of individuals who generate the waste (including producers/manufacturers and consumers) versus the professionals tasked with managing the waste?

9 Financial Need – not weighted

You may attach a short statement of financial need, describing how this scholarship will help offset tuition and related expenses and listing any other scholarships or educational funding received to-date. Please do not attach forms or documentation containing confidential financial information.
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Signature of Applicant	Date
Signature of SWANA Sponsor	Date

CATEGORY I

Extracurricular Activities

(Connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum.)

Please describe your participation, including the name of the activity, how long or how frequently (the seasons or years) you participated, and what you did. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

Activity	
Duration & frequency	
How did you participate?	
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I, _____, verify that the information above is true.

CATEGORY I

Community Activities and Citizenship

(Programs or participation offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. This also includes military participation and employment.)

Please describe what you did and how long/ how often you participated. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

Activity	
Duration & frequency	
What did you do? How did you participate?	
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Duration & frequency	
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I, _____, verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Have you attached:

- High school transcript - required
- Copy of your acceptance letter to college or university – required
- Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors – applicant specific
- Scores from any standardized testing – optional
- Complete, signed extracurricular activities form – required
- Complete, signed community activities and citizenship form – required
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 8 – required
- Financial need--optional attachment – Discuss of why ... and/or what extenuating

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.

Submit this complete package to your Chapter Scholarship Chair by May 1.