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

**GRANT H. FLINT INTERNATIONAL
and**

**MID-ATLANTIC
CHAPTER**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAMS

CATEGORY II

**(College/University Juniors & Seniors
Studying a Field Related to Solid Waste
Management)**

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

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CATEGORY II APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
for
INCOMING COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY JUNIORS OR SENIORS

I.SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for Category II Scholarship, the candidate must be either:

- Be enrolled full-time in college or university for the period of time the scholarship will be used
- Be entering your junior or senior year of undergraduate studies
- Be pursuing a degree in environmental science, environmental studies, engineering or a major applicable to the field of solid waste management or sustainability.
- Be a SWANA Student Member prior to submitting your scholarship application. This is free to full-time students and you can join by visiting www.swana.org.
- Belong to the appropriate SWANA chapter as described below and have the proper relationship or sponsorship depending on whether you are applying for a Mid-Atlantic Chapter and/or SWANA scholarship.

SWANA employees and their family members are not eligible to apply. Beyond those exceptions, SWANA commits that all eligible persons shall have equal access to this program.

DEADLINES:

- **May 1** - All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by your **Chapter** Scholarship Committee Chair.
 - Students can join two chapters for free, e.g., the chapter where your college/university is located or where your parent or grandparent works or if they are a member of another chapter.
 - Join the chapter where your school is located and submit your application there if you wish to be considered for a SWANA scholarship.
 - If your college/university is located in Maryland, Delaware, or the District of Columbia, then your application is to be submitted to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. You will also be considered for a Mid-Atlantic Chapter scholarship if a parent or grandparent is a member in good standing in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.
 - If a parent or grandparent is a member in good standing in the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter; you are going to a college or university **not** located in MD, DE, or DC; and you want to be considered for a Mid-Atlantic Chapter scholarship, then you can submit a copy of the application to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. You will need to be a student member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. You will not be eligible for a SWANA scholarship via the Mid-

Atlantic Chapter; an application for a SWANA scholarship must be submitted to the chapter in which your college/university is located.

- If a parent or grandparent works in the solid waste management field in MD, DE, or DC; you are sponsored by a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member in good standing; and you want to be considered for a Mid-Atlantic Chapter scholarship, then you can send a scholarship application to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. You will need to be a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. You will not be eligible for a SWANA scholarship via the Mid-Atlantic Chapter; an application for a SWANA scholarship must be submitted to the chapter in which your college/university is located. If you have an internship or work assignment in a different chapter area, check into their activities and programs as those new relationships can lead to additional support for your application.
- If you are geographically located outside the United States, its territories or Canada, send your completed application directly to SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator by May 1, 2020.
- **June 1** – Chapters forward their nomination for the SWANA Grant H. Flint Scholarship Category II Scholarship to headquarters for distribution to the International Scholarship Committee.
- **July/August** - International Scholarship winners are announced.

II.CRITERIA:

The Scholarship Committee evaluates the Grant H. Flint Category II Scholarship applications as follows:

A. Academics = 30%

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.

- **REQUIRED: Provide a transcript of your college/university transcripts up to the conclusion of the most recent period (quarter, trimester, semester).**

An official, unofficial or PDF copy of your transcript is required to be attached to the application you provide to the Chapter or SWANA. 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 scale). 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***.

- **OPTIONAL: Attach documentation of any other college/university-level academic performance, awards, or recognition and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider.**

B. Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50%

The Committee will consider your current and completed courses, advisor/professor input, and your completed essay in its evaluations.

- **REQUIRED: Complete and sign the form that asks for additional information about coursework related to solid waste management and/or a potential career in the industry.**
- **REQUIRED: Please have your faculty advisory or a key professor in your studies related to solid waste management provide a one-page letter that discusses your academic performance.**
- **REQUIRED: Write a one-page, original essay about the topic identified in Question 4 (on the following application). SWANA considers essays as potential blog posts in its social media, regardless of selection for a Grant H. Flint Scholarship.**

C. Other Activities = 20%

Other Activities are activities and programs that can be connected with your studies (research, internships, assistantships), associated with school (participation student organizations), or entirely unrelated (volunteer activities, military service, employment).

- **REQUIRED: Complete and sign the forms that ask for information about your Other Activities.**
- **OPTIONAL: Attach a current copy of your resume.**

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. Financial Need – not weighted

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

E. Disqualification

Applying 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 supporting documentation
- 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 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 if related to the Chapter scholarship)** or to **SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator, Sara Bixby, at sbixby@swana.org.**

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**SWANA GRANT H. FLINT INTERNATIONAL and MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAMS
CATEGORY II APPLICATION**

1 Applicant's Information

Full Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
SWANA Member #:	
Chapter Affiliation(s):	

2 College/University Information

Name of School:	
Address:	
Faculty Advisor name & contact information:	
Major:	
How does your major relate to a career in the solid waste industry?	

3 Academics = 30% of total score

REQUIRED: Attach a copy of your college/university transcripts through the conclusion of the most recent period (quarter, trimester, semester).	
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: • Maximum in the scoring/scale used: 	
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.

4 Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50% of total score

REQUIRED: All three items must be included with your application.	
	Complete and sign the forms that ask for additional information about coursework and internships related to solid waste management and/or a potential career in the industry.
	Attach a letter about your academic performance from your faculty advisor or key professor in your studies related to solid waste management.
	Attach a one-page, original essay about the way in which your course work, internships, and/or overall studies will contribute to improving the management of waste as a resource or to addressing an environmental issue related to solid waste that is currently in the news.

5 Other Activities = 20% of total score

REQUIRED: Complete and sign the form that asks for information about your Other Activities. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you do not participate in Other Activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.	
Optional: Attach a current copy of your resume.	

6 Financial Need: not weighted

You may attach a short statement of your 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 other documented containing confidential personal information.

Parent/Grandparent SWANA Member number _____
 or Sponsor SWANA Member number _____, whichever is applicable_
 Name of above SWANA member: _____
 If parent/grandparent is NOT a SWANA member, list his/her work title, name of employer, and how he/she is employed in the solid waste management field: _____

Signature of Applicant	Date
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CATEGORY II

Description of Completed Courses Related to Solid Waste Management

Please provide the course title, credit hours, grade earned, and up to a 25-word description of your course work that relates to solid waste management and/or a career in the industry. Copy the page if you need more space.

Course Title:	
Credit Hours:	
Grade:	
Description:	
Course Title:	
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Description:	
Course Title:	
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Description:	
Course Title:	
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Grade:	
Description:	

I, _____, verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

CATEGORY II

Current or Completed internships and Assistantships

Provide enough information to allow the Committee to what you did and its relevance to solid waste management. Please limit your description to no more than 250 words. Copy the page as needed to address additional internships and assistantships.

Internship/Assistantship	
Supervisor & contact information	
Description:	
Internship/Assistantship	
Supervisor & contact information	
Description:	

I, _____, verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

CATEGORY II

Other Activities

Other activities are activities and programs that can be connected with your studies, school participation, or entirely unrelated (volunteer activities, military service, employment). Provide enough information that Committee members can understand your participation. Keep it brief and 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 to the best of my knowledge.

Have you attached:

- College/university transcript - required
- Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors – applicant specific
- All forms - required
- Letter from your faculty advisor or key professor – required
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 4 – required
- Resume – optional
- If applicable, information on parent/grandparent who is a SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter member; or information on your parent/grandparent who works in the solid waste field and a sponsoring SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter member.

By May 1, return your complete application to your appropriate Chapter Scholarship Chair(s), <https://swana.org/Awards/ScholarshipsInternships.aspx>, or if you are geographically located outside the United States, its territories, or Canada, send your completed application directly to SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator.