

## CA-NV Section, AWWA, Scholarship Program FAQs 2016

### Who May Apply?

#### **Who may apply for a CA-NV AWWA scholarship?**

Students at U.S. colleges who will be or are currently enrolled fulltime in an undergraduate or graduate program, and who are studying for a possible career pertaining to water (including water supply, water resources, water quality, technologies and treatment) may apply for a CA-NV Section scholarship.

#### **Does my year at school affect my eligibility for receiving a scholarship?**

High School graduates and first and second year college students are eligible for our undergraduate scholarships. Graduate students are eligible for our graduate scholarships at any time during their graduate studies.

#### **Do I need to be a full-time student to receive a scholarship?**

Yes, only full-time students should apply for our scholarships.

#### **Can I apply for a scholarship if I am not yet accepted or enrolled into a college program?**

You may apply, but cannot receive a scholarship until you are accepted and enrolled into a college undergraduate or graduate program.

#### **Am I eligible to receive a CA-NV Section scholarship if I am already receiving other scholarship or award monies?**

Yes, students who are receiving other scholarships or awards are also eligible to receive a CA-NV Section scholarship.

#### **If I am a post-doc, am I eligible to receive a graduate scholarship from CA-NV Section?**

No, post-doctoral researchers are not eligible to receive a scholarship from CA-NV Section. The CA-NV Section's scholarship program is meant to help support students currently earning their degrees.

#### **Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to apply for a scholarship?**

No, you do not have to be a U.S. citizen to receive a scholarship, but you must be enrolled fulltime in a program at a CA or NV college or university.

### Transcripts & International Transcripts

**May I mail officially certified, sealed transcripts to CA-NV AWWA, or must transcripts be sent directly from the school or college?**

If the transcript is certified and sealed, you may send it to us yourself.

**What are the rules regarding international transcripts?**

Students from institutions outside the U.S. may have difficulties providing us with official school transcripts. Therefore, we will accept certified, sealed transcripts or photocopies of transcripts from international educational institutions (please ensure the transcript is in English). This exception only applies to international transcripts.

**Do you accept transcripts that are not translated into English?**

No, we will not accept transcripts provided in languages other than English.

Application Package

**What factors can disqualify my application?**

Applications may be disqualified for the following reasons:

- Complete application does not arrive by the application deadline.
- Complete contact information is not provided.
- Transcripts are not provided in English.
- Applicant's interests do not relate to a career in the water sector.

**What factors can help my application?**

On average, the applications that are awarded a scholarship share the following characteristics:

- All instructions are followed completely.
- The recommendations provide a strong, in-depth endorsement.
- The Career Aspirations Statement indicates clear interests in a career in water.
- The candidate shows both academic and community involvement.

**Where can I find the scholarship application?**

The scholarship application can be downloaded from the CA-NV Section's website at <http://ca-nv-awwa.org/canv/>

It can be found under the Water Community tab: Causes We Support/ Scholarships

**Do I need to provide GRE or other test scores?**

No, you do not need to send us test scores of any kind. We are only interested in your transcripts.

**May I include copies of my publications and/or other materials to support my applications?**

No, please do not send us publications or other materials as part of your application. Please list publications and other applicable items in your application.

## Application Deadline & Mailing Issues

### **When is the next application deadline?**

March 1, 2016

### **What happens if my application and/or transcripts arrive after the application deadline?**

If your application and/or transcripts arrive late, then your application will be disqualified.

### **What is the preferred way to submit the application?**

We ask that you mail them to us.

The items to be mailed include:

- 1) A completed application form for the appropriate scholarship
- 2) Two recommendation letters from teachers or others familiar with your activities
- 3) Essay(s) (For more details on this requirement, refer to the specific scholarship's information sheet.)
- 4) Transcripts of academic records

### **What is CA-NV Section, AWWA's mailing address?**

Scholarship Committee  
California-Nevada Section, AWWA  
10435 Ashford Street  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

### **May I fax my scholarship application?**

Yes. The FAX number is 909 481-4688

### **Will I receive notification that CA-NV Section received my application?**

Yes, we will notify you AFTER THE DEADLINE that we received your application. If you require additional verification for items sent by mail, please request "proof of delivery" and/or use other tracking services offered by your post office or shipping provider.

## Selection Process & Announcements

### **Who selects the fellowship recipients?**

CA-NV Section's Scholarship Selection Committee selects new scholarship recipients each year. The committee is made up of AWWA members with expertise in drinking water subjects.

**May I contact the Scholarship Selection Committee?**

No, please do not contact the Scholarship Selection Committee regarding any aspect of the application process. All questions from you or others should be directed to the CA-NV Section Scholarship Coordinator.

**How many students receive scholarships each year?**

The Section currently offers four \$2500 undergraduate and two \$5000 graduate scholarships each year

**When are the new scholarships recipients announced?**

CA-NV Section will announce the scholarship awardees on June 1 each year. The awardees will be contacted either by phone or email (sometimes both) and their names listed on our website. The awardees will receive a letter from the CA-NV Section informing them of the scholarship award amount, and describing the terms and conditions of the award.

**Will I be notified if I am not selected to receive a scholarship?**

Yes, you will receive an email from CA-NV Section informing you whether or not you received a scholarship.

**If I am not selected to receive a scholarship, is it possible to find out why?**

No, as we do not provide comments or feedback on any application sent to us.

## Financial Award

**What is the source of funding for the CA-NV AWWA Scholarship program?**

The scholarship program is underwritten by the Section and by donors. The Section is very grateful for the support provide by these partners.

**How much is a CA-NV Section scholarship award?**

The Section currently offers four \$2500 undergraduate and two \$5000 graduate scholarships each year.

**When will I receive the scholarship money?**

A check will be sent to you after June 1 and after we receive notification of your acceptance and full-time enrollment for the following academic year.

**How can I use the scholarship money?**

We have no stipulations on how the money is spent.

## Terms and Conditions

**What are the terms and conditions of receiving a scholarship?**

You must be continuously enrolled as a fulltime student with a college or university in CA or NV.

You must not be on academic probation.