

**Air & Waste Management Association
CNY Chapter
2012 Scholarship Program**

Application Criteria and Award Details

Who is Eligible

1. High school graduates entering college in the fall of 2012. (A college Bursar's receipt is required before the actual scholarship check can be issued.)

OR

2. Current college students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level programs.

Applicants **MUST** be enrolled in a science or environmental-related degree track.

Applicants **DO NOT** have to be an Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA) member or a relative of an AWMA member.

Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit-hours or more).

Regional Requirement

Applicants **MUST** be residents of or going to a college in the Central New York Chapter region (Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, Otsego, Chenango, Cortland, Tompkins, Tioga, Broome, and Delaware Counties).

Awards

The Central New York AWMA is committed to awarding up to \$2,000 annually. The dollar amount of the individual awards may vary depending on the number and quality of applicants. Awards may be received by the same individual once for undergraduate and once for graduate level studies.

Award(s) Presentation Date

Award(s) will likely be presented during an AWMA dinner meeting to be held in the Syracuse area in the spring of 2012.

Instructions for Applicants

1. Eligibility Requirements
 - a. Applicant must be enrolled in a college located in the Central NY (CNY) region or be a resident of CNY.
 - i. High School Applicants: College acceptance letter or a list of colleges applied to must accompany scholarship application.
 - ii. All Applicants: Scholarship payment will not be issued until a Bursar's receipt is provided as proof of enrollment.
 - b. Applicant must be enrolled in a full-time (12 credit hours or more) degree track related to the environment. Such programs could include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Environmental Engineering
 - ii. Civil Engineering with an environmental minor
 - iii. Chemical Engineering with an environmental minor
 - iv. Hydrogeology with an environmental emphasis
 - v. Biology or Microbiology with an environmental emphasis
 - vi. Environmental Law
2. Application Instructions
 - a. A complete and signed application is required. Information on the application forms should be filled in electronically or neatly printed. All information must be supplied or the application will be considered incomplete and ineligible for the scholarship. Attach the following to the completed application.
 - i. Requested essays
 - ii. School transcripts (copies are accepted and subject to verification)
 - iii. A minimum of two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, the other from someone not related to the applicant.
 - b. Completed applications must be postmarked or received via email no later than **February 10, 2012**.
3. Scholarship Payment
 - a. A bursar's receipt showing that the student is registered is required in order to receive payment.
 - b. Payment will be made in a lump-sum distribution. The scholarship will likely be awarded during an AWMA dinner meeting in the spring of 2012. If a bursar's receipt is not available at that time, the actual payment check will be provided once it is.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

1. Scholarship (15 Points Possible)

a. SAT Scores (HS Students) - 10 points possible

SAT Score	Scholarship Points
1500 - 1600	10
1400 - 1499	9
1300 - 1399	8
1200 - 1299	7
1100 - 1199	6
1000 - 1099	5
900 - 999	4
800 - 899	3
Less than 800 points	0

b. ACT Scores (HS Students - alternate to SAT scores) 10 points possible

ACT Score	Scholarship Points
32 - 36	10
29 - 31	9
31 - 32	8
27 - 28	7
25 - 26	6
24	5
23	4
22	3
Less than 22 points	0

c. Average GPA (Current College Students) - 10 points possible

GPA	Scholarship Points
3.9 - 4.0	10
3.8 - 3.89	9
3.7 - 3.79	8
3.6 - 3.69	7
3.5 - 3.59	6
3.4 - 3.49	5
3.3 - 3.39	4
3.2 - 3.29	3
3.1 - 3.19	2
3.0 - 3.09	1
Less than 3.0	0

Bonus points: In recognition of the fact that it is more difficult to maintain a high GPA as students progress through higher college years, reviewers may award bonus points as follows: sophomores - one point, juniors - 1.5 points, seniors - two points, graduate students - 2.5 points.

- d. Honors/Awards (5 points possible)
 - i. Examples: Awards, Honor Society, class rank (salutatorian, valedictorian).
 - ii. At the reviewers' discretion, one point will be awarded for each valid honor or award, up to a maximum of 5 points.
2. Demonstrated Environmental Interest (10 points possible)
- a. The essays, high school/college or other activities, academic course work/competitions, and reference letters demonstrate that the student has a clear and decided interest in pursuing a career in the environment. (7 to 10 points)
 - b. The applicant expresses an interest in the environmental field in essay questions or through other materials but has not demonstrated that interest in any prior activities. (3 to 6 points)
 - c. The applicant is applying to or is already studying in an environmental program but the application materials do not express a strong interest in the environment and the student is not involved in associated activities. (1 to 2 points)
3. Character (10 points possible)
- a. Through actions, descriptions in the essays or reference letters, the student has demonstrated that he/she has made significant contributions by:
 - i. Providing assistance to other classmates, acting as a role model, and has demonstrating leadership skills; and/or
 - ii. Participating in community service; and/or
 - iii. Assisting teachers in some way.(7 to 10 points)
 - b. Through actions, descriptions in the essays or reference letters, the student has demonstrated that he/she is a good citizen, and has conducted some level of the above activities. (4 to 6 points)
 - c. The student has made no extra efforts in his/her life to make a difference in the community, but there is no reason to believe he/she is not of good character. (1 to 3 points)
 - d. There is good reason to believe that the student is not of good character and will not make positive use of an environmental degree. (0 points)
4. Activities (10 points possible)
- a. Curricular (5 points possible)
 - i. Sports
 - ii. Student Government
 - iii. Clubs/organizations (especially environmentally-related)
 - iv. Other activities
 - b. Extracurricular (5 points possible)
 - i. Clubs/organizations
 - ii. Employment
 - iii. Sports/outdoor activities

- iv. Hobbies
- v. Community service/volunteering
- vi. Other

Note: In case of a tie, preference may be granted to AWMA student chapter members or other criteria developed by the Board. A telephone interview may also be utilized.