



COACHELLA VALLEY BRANCH of the AMERICAN PUBLIC WORK ASSOCIATION

APWA SPRING 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application due date: 12:00 AM on April 12, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Coachella Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) is part of a national organization who serves professionals in all aspects of public works. Membership within the APWA is not only comprised of personnel from local, county, state, and federal agencies, but also private sector personnel who supply products and services to those professionals. The APWA is dedicated to educating young students about public works and engineering related careers. Public Works is defined as the work of constructing such things as roads, schools, sidewalks, bike trails, reservoirs, etc. that are carried out by the government for the use and enjoyment of the community.

The Coachella Valley branch is pleased to announce the availability of scholarship(s) up to \$5,000 for local graduating high school seniors, who will be pursuing a degree from a four-year college/university with a major in public works, civil engineering, or other qualified related field (see attached list for all qualifying majors*).

BACKGROUND

Each month, members of the APWA gather together to discuss topics and issues of interest among the members. As part of their dedication to the community, members of the Coachella Valley Branch of the APWA are able to participate in events such as monthly raffles, the annual Bob Ross Memorial Golf Tournament, and the biennial Vendor Show in order to help raise money for the scholarship fund. Over the past 16 years, the Coachella Valley Branch of the APWA has awarded 79 scholarships, totaling \$150,000 to date.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full time student at a college or university for the upcoming academic semester in an approved Public Works related major (Fall 2021)
- Preference will be given to students who attended high school in the Coachella Valley
- Prior APWA scholarship recipients are eligible for scholarship award

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested students must submit a completed application form (attached) with all required documents listed below:

- Completed and signed application
- Responses to questions on application 150 words (minimum) to 250 words (maximum) each
- High School Transcripts



AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

After presentation of scholarship (May 3, 2021), and prior to receiving funds, the honored student(s) must submit the following information:

- Proof of registration as a full-time student at a 4-year college/university in a Public Works related major (Example: Class Schedule)
- Current mailing address

Once the request for money and the required documents/information is received, scholarship funds will be mailed. Awardees will be responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met.

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

- Applications are due:
 - Via email* by **12:00 AM, April 12, 2021** – or –
 - Postmarked by **April 10, 2021**
- Applicants will be notified by email by **April 23, 2021**
- Scholarship awardee will be presented with Scholarship award at monthly luncheon on **May 3, 2021****
- Scholarship must be claimed no later than **December 31, 2021**; Money not claimed by this date will be forfeited

* Email is the preferred method of receiving application if possible

** Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, monthly luncheons are being hosted using an online forum; this is subject to change

QUALIFYING MAJORS

Public Works related majors are provided in the list below:

- Civil Engineering
- Land Surveying
- Transportation Engineering
- Traffic Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Construction Management
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Public Administration/Finance/Business Mgmt.

Applicants pursuing Public Works related majors not listed above may be considered for a scholarship award based on the merit of the application.



APWA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 494 PALM DESERT, CA 92261
apwascholarship@gmail.com

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

All applications must be received by April 12, 2021.

Please email the completed application with required documents to apwascholarship@gmail.com or mail a hard copy to:

APWA Scholarship Committee
Attn: Emily Roethler
P.O. Box 494
Palm Desert, CA 92261

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions, please contact the scholarship committee at apwascholarship@gmail.com or Emily Roethler at 760-398-2661 ext. 3637. The Coachella Valley Branch of the APWA encourages all interested students to submit an application for this scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ON FOLLOWING PAGES;

ALL PAGES OF APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE CONSIDERED AS A COMPLETE APPLICATION.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR RESPONSES BELOW. IF APPLICATION IS ILLEGIBLE, IT WILL **NOT** BE REVIEWED.

NOTE: THIS IS A FILLABLE PDF; SELECT AREA TO TYPE OR SELECT RESPONSES

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

STREET

APT.

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PRIMARY TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

SECONDARY TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

QUALIFYING PUBLIC WORKS MAJOR: _____
(Qualifying majors can be found on Page 2)

COLLEGE LEVEL AS OF FALL 2021:
(Select one)

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate
Level



QUESTION 1

Using a minimum of 150 words, and a maximum of 250 words, provide a brief personal statement. (Attach additional sheet if more room is necessary)



QUESTION 2

Using a minimum of 150 words, and a maximum of 250 words, describe yourself and explain why you have chosen to pursue a degree in a qualified public works related major. (Attach additional sheet if more room is necessary)



STATEMENT OF ACCURACY AND UNDERSTANDING

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Coachella Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association Scholarship Committee is true, correct, and without forgery. I understand that false or misleading information in my application may disqualify my application. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose as deemed necessary to promote the Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded. I also understand that I must submit all required documents by the above mentioned deadline otherwise my scholarship award will be forfeited.

Student Signature:

Date: