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We are pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for students in the Central New York region sponsored by the CNY Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA). Graduating high school seniors and current college students may be eligible for scholarship grants of up to \$1,500.

Eligibility Criteria:

- High School graduates entering college in 2026 or current college students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level programs.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an environmentally related degree program.
- Applicants do not have to be AWMA members or a relative of a member.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit-hours or more) for the Fall 2026 semester.
- Applicants must be residents of or going to college in the Central New York region.

For additional details, please see the attached information sheet and application form. Please share this information with prospective applicants.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jason.dittman@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Jason Dittman
CNY AWMA Scholarship Committee

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER
MID-ATLANTIC STATES SECTION OF THE
AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
A S S O C I A T I O N

2026 Scholarship Program

Application Criteria and Award Details

Who is Eligible?

1. High school graduates entering college in the fall of 2026.

OR

2. Current college students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level programs and continuing studies through fall semester 2026.
 - Applicants must be enrolled in an 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.
 - College student applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit-hours or more). Some credit may be given for teaching assistantships.

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, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Tioga, Broome, and Delaware Counties).

Awards

The Central New York AWMA is committed to awarding individual scholarships of up to \$1,500. 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) are planned to be presented during a CNY AWMA dinner meeting to be held in the Syracuse area in the spring of 2026.

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. (Some credit may be given for teaching assistantships.) 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. Include the following with the completed application.
 - i. Essay
 - ii. School transcripts (copies are accepted and subject to verification)
 - iii. A minimum of two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher/professor, the other from someone not related to the applicant.
 - b. Completed applications must be postmarked or received via email no later than **March 6, 2026**.
3. Scholarship Payment
 - a. A bursar's receipt showing that the student is registered, or other similar proof of enrollment is required in order to receive payment.
 - b. Payment will be made in a lump-sum distribution either in person, if allowed, or by mail in the spring of 2026. If proof of enrollment is not available at that time, the actual payment check will be provided once it is.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by a committee based on a range of criteria, including, but not limited to:

Criteria Category	Examples/Evidence
Scholarship	Grade point average, SAT and/or ACT scores
Academic Honors and Awards	Academic awards, competitions, special projects, Honor Society
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School related activities such as sports, music, clubs and student government• Community related activities such as volunteering/community service, sports, clubs, outdoor activities• Hobbies• Employment
Demonstrated Environmental Interest	Course of study, career goals, activities, essay, and references
Character	Leadership, initiative, acts as role model, willing to assist and participate, activities, references

Final award decisions will be made at the discretion of the CNY AWMA Board of Directors based on recommendations from the CNY AWMA Scholarship Committee.

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MID-ATLANTIC STATES SECTION OF THE
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2026 Scholarship Application**

To be eligible, all blanks must be completed.

Applicant Information

Name:

Phone: () -

Street Address:

Email:

City:

State: Zip Code: -

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): / /

School Information

Current grade level:

Name of School:

Anticipated Graduation Date (mm/yyyy): / Grade Point Average:

SAT/ACT Score: / / Class Rank: Out of:

Honors or Awards Received:

Extracurricular Activities:

Hobbies:

Community Service:

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Education Goals:
Career Goals:
Current Employer (if any) and Hours per Week:
Specify what college(s) or university(s) you will be attending/have applied to or are currently attending:
Actual/Intended Major:
Briefly explain why you chose to apply for this scholarship: