

Illinois Water Environment Association

PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline:
January 31, 2018

Who We Are

The Illinois Water Environment Association is a community of dedicated professionals working to advance fundamental knowledge of our water environment. Its members are engineers, scientists, plant operators, and students. They work at wastewater treatment plants, public works departments, utilities, engineering firms, and manufacturers of water treatment equipment.

Our Objectives Include:

- Advancing the fundamental knowledge of the water environment, its basic qualities, and physical laws governing its interaction with other aspects of the environment and with the aesthetic, economic, and biological needs of the earth's inhabitants.
- Advancing the knowledge and technology in the design, construction, operation and management of the water quality systems and facilities.
- Increasing the knowledge and understanding of the earth's water environment, and encourage and promote action necessary for its enhancement.
- Developing and implementing effective delivery mechanisms to rapidly disseminate knowledge concerning the water environment to members and other interested parties.
- Stimulating public awareness of the relationship of water resources to the public welfare and the need for pollution prevention, resource recovery, preservation, conservation and reuse of water resources.

Scholarship Requirements

The IWEA Public Service Scholarship is designed to aid public works professionals seeking to better prepare themselves to for leadership roles in their respective departments. IWEA will award one scholarship to cover one (of the three) session's tuition at the Illinois Public Service Institute (IPSI), \$695.00. Scholarship recipients will be announced at IWEA's Annual Conference, held in April.

Professionals must be an Illinois resident or work for an Illinois based municipality or utility to be considered for the scholarship. Applicants must provide proof of registration for an IPSI session within the next twelve (12) months.

Notes:

Application consideration is open to everyone registered for IPSI. However, public works professionals, plant operators, and IWEA members are preferred.

Application Packet

The application packet must include:

- A current resume highlighting academic, work, and leadership experiences.
- The completed scholarship application form/agreement.
- Essay/personal statement.
- Registration form for an upcoming IPSI session (within the next 12 months).

Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Essay Prompt

Please answer the following questions in three paragraphs:

- Where are you at in your career? What do you do?
- Where are you going in your career? What do you want to do?
- How is IPSI going to help you get there?

Essays have a 750 word limit.

Additional Support

Please describe any employer support or additional funding that you have received for attending IPSI.

Submittal Instructions

Applications may be submitted via either US Postal Service or Email.

Emailed applications should be sent to: info@iweasite.org

Postal Service applications should be mailed to:

Illinois Water Environment Association
P.O. Box 337
West Chicago, IL 60186-0337
Attn: Ms. Laurie Frieders

All applications must be received by January 31, 2017.
IWEA will send you an email confirmation upon receipt of your application.

**IWEA Public Service Scholarship Application Form
2018/2019 IPSI Year**

Name (last, first, middle initial): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

Position: _____

Do you have any employer support (paid time off, paid travel, paid lodging) and/or funding from an outside scholarship (if so please elaborate in an attached document) [Y/N]: _____

Scholarship Agreement

IWEA requires professionals awarded the Public Service Scholarships to fulfill certain criteria while they hold the scholarship. Professionals who do not meet the criteria will forfeit the scholarship.

The criteria for the IWEA Public Service Scholarship require you to:

- Be an Illinois resident or work for an Illinois based municipality or utility.
- Provide proof of registration for an IPSI session within the next twelve (12) months.

If you agree to accept and meet the application criteria, please sign the bottom portion of this sheet and return it the IWEA as part of your application packet.

Applicant Signature

Date