



## **SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

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### **Purpose**

The Rocky Mountain Section of American Water Works Association (Section or RMSAWWA) annually awards scholarships and grants to qualified individuals who are trying to advance their education or careers. The purpose of this policy is to define the qualifications for receiving and the process of applying for these scholarships.

### **James B. Warner Scholarship Fund**

The James B. Warner Scholarship was created by James B. Warner to encourage young professionals to seek higher education in a water-related field. James B. Warner served our section for many years and led our section with excellence, vision, and dedication. The scholarship is for \$2,000 per recipient per year and is awarded to one individual from each state in the Section (Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming).

Criteria for candidates include:

- The applicant must be a member or dependant of a member of the RMSAWWA.
- The applicant must be a student who will be at least a junior in the next fall term, pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university.
- The fields of study applicable for the scholarship include, but are not limited to: water, water utility management, and water resources.
- Funds may be used for tuition, books, or fees. The RMSAWWA section will administer the funds.

### **Small System Management Scholarship**

The Small System Management Scholarship is awarded each year to a supervisory or management person working at a utility located in Colorado, Wyoming, or New Mexico. Preference will be given to applicants from a small or medium sized utility.

The scholarship is awarded annually to attend the AWWA-sponsored institute at the University of Utah. The institute is an intensive, interactive, five-day workshop aimed at providing primary instruction and practical training in management and leadership techniques to help water and

wastewater managers effectively meet the demands confronting utilities in the contemporary setting. The training is usually offered several times a year. The scholarship will pay for tuition, room, board, and travel up to \$2,000.

### **H2O Tap Education And Training Grant**

H2O TAP (Water Tap) Education and Training Grants are given to members, or dependents of members, or other water professionals that the Rocky Mountain Section feels has substantially contributed to the growth of the organization and to further the education and training of the recipient. H2O TAP stands for Help To Others by Thanking Active Participation and the grant is a way to recognize someone's active participation in the organization.

The grant can be a contribution to a higher education scholarship fund, pay for a conference registration fee, assist the recipient in travel expenses to attend an educational event that they otherwise would not be able to attend, or be used to purchase education and training materials. Generally applications are submitted on someone else's behalf. The limit for each grant shall be no more than \$500.

### **Procedure**

For all three types of scholarships or grants, an application form must be submitted to a Section representative by the appropriate deadline. Applications will be reviewed by the appropriate individuals and recommendations made to RMSAWWA Governing Board for their approval.

Contact a member of the Governing Board or the Awards Committee for more information. Application forms can be downloaded from the Section website at [www.rmsawwa.net](http://www.rmsawwa.net).