2026 INDIANA APWA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The American Public Works Association (APWA) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational and membership organization whose exempt purpose shall be the advancement of the theory and practice of the design, construction, maintenance, administration, and operation of public works facilities and services; the dissemination of information and experience upon, and the promotion of improved practices in public works administration; the encouragement of the adherence by public works officials to a high professional standard; the professional and social improvements of its members; and the promotion of cooperation among all public, quasi-public, and private persons, firms, corporations, bodies, utilities, and agencies which have interests in the field of public works.

In line with our exempt purpose, the APWA has established a Mission *to promote professional excellence, understanding of and competency and credibility in public works.* This Mission is further served by delivering technical workshops, seminars, educational conferences, trade shows and credentialing combined with the offering of educational scholarships to further support students working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in a public works-related field.

To fulfill our Mission, the Indiana Chapter of the American Public Works Association is sponsoring a scholarship program for candidates pursuing a degree in related Public Works fields including but not exclusively in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or Public Works Management.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION:

Application forms are available by contacting the Scholarship Chairperson at the email below. An official high school transcript will need to be included with the application.

ELIGIBILITY:

High School Seniors who plan to attend an accredited institution of higher learning during the Fall 2026 Semester at the undergraduate level whose major course of study encompasses the fields of Engineering, Public Works Administration, Public Relations, Finance or other programs within the public works field are eligible. ***Candidates must reside within Indiana.*** Students may be part-time or full-time at an accredited institution of higher learning; however, candidates must be seeking a degree. Active members of the 2026 Scholarship Committee of the APWA Indiana Chapter and their immediate family members are not eligible.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Candidates who receive monies from other sources are eligible to apply for this award.

AWARD AMOUNT:

For 2026, the Chapter intends to award one scholarship of $1000 per year. Any individual recipient will be eligible for a maximum of **$4000 over four years**, although successive individual awards are not guaranteed. Awards will also include a free student APWA membership. Scholarship winners must stay enrolled in an accredited institute of higher learning for all four years to receive the entire scholarship of $4000. Following review of all applications, the Chapter may also consider issuing additional scholarships. The Chapter reserves the right to not issue a scholarship if no submitted application is deemed to indicate a scholarship issuance is warranted.

DEADLINE:

All application materials must be scanned and e-mailed by before April 10, 2026 and submitted to the current Scholarship Committee Chairperson. An award presentation will be made at the May 21, 2026 APWA Golf Outing at Eagle Creek golf course in Indianapolis. Recipient is encouraged to attend but attendance is not mandatory to receive the scholarship.

AWARD:

Award monies will be disbursed prior to the start of the educational course following the award notification. The award check will be made payable to the student upon submission of appropriate documentation that confirms registration with an accredited institution of higher learning. Monies must go towards qualified educational expenses such as tuition and books. APWA reserves the right to stop the scholarship program at any time.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE E-MAILED BY April 10, 2026:

Dawn Ritchie
Scholarship Committee Chair
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CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME	
HOME STREET ADDRESS	MAILING STREET ADDRESS (if different)
CITY, STATE	CITY, STATE
ZIP CODE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE	ALT. PHONE
EMAIL	
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION	
HIGH SCHOOL NAME	
HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS	
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE	GPA (non-weighted):
HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONTACT	
Name	
Phone	
INSTITUTION INFORMATION FOR FALL 2026	
INSTITUTION NAME	
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/COURSE OF STUDY	
DEGREE ANTICIPATED (Major)	(Minor, if any)
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE	
REFERENCE INFORMATION	
REFERENCE NAME	
AFFILIATION WITH CANDIDATE	
WORK ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE	
APWA AFFILIATION (if any)	

Please provide answers in **the space provided**.

1. Describe your field of study or your anticipated degree program and detail the type of employment you expect to find in a public works organization due to your educational background.

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2. What challenges do you expect to find in a public works career and why have you chosen a career in public works?

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3. What skills have you developed during your schooling and extracurricular activities that you feel will be important in your chosen career?

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I certify that all the information submitted in this application to be true and correct.

Signed_____ Date_____
(Applicant)

*****Your official high school transcript is required, please attach*****