



Association of Environmental Professionals Superior California Chapter

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Student Scholarship: **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1) **Are there separate applications for undergraduate and graduate students?**
No, there is one application for all students. An applicant should complete only the relevant areas of the application according to his/her status.
- 2) **I applied for the scholarship last year; do I need to fill out another application this year?**
Yes, you must fill out and submit a new application every year you wish to apply for an award.
- 3) **The application deadline is Saturday, October 31, 2009. Does this mean my application must be postmarked or received by October 31?**
Your application must be postmarked by Saturday, October 31, 2009 to be eligible for the scholarship.
- 4) **May I submit an application packet via fax or email?**
No, all application packets must be mailed to the following address:

AEP Scholarship Committee
c/o Scott Sjulín
AMEC Earth & Environmental
10670 White Rock Road, Suite 100
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6032
- 5) **Do I need to submit original transcripts, or will copies suffice?**
You must submit official transcripts from each college and/or university that you have attended; copies will not be accepted. If you are unable to submit official transcripts with your application, you may send them separately; however, all application materials must be postmarked by Saturday, October 31, 2009.
- 6) **Applicants are required to be majoring in environmental science, environmental policy, or a closely related field. What would be considered a closely related field?**
Acceptable majors in the environmental field would include *environmental science, environmental policy, environmental planning, environmental management, environmental education, and environmental engineering*. Examples of closely related fields would include *conservation or wildlife biology, botany, geology, geography, ecology, landscape architecture, natural resource planning, hydrology, soil science, atmospheric science, urban and regional planning, community development, public policy, anthropology, sustainability, economics, and transportation planning*. For applicants majoring in a closely related field, a commitment to pursuing a career in the environmental field must be demonstrated. This commitment may be demonstrated through the pursuit of a minor or concentration in one of the environmental disciplines listed above, the selection of elective environmental courses, involvement with environmentally-related organizations, related work experience, and/or information presented in the applicant essay questions.

- 7) **What is the minimum grade point average (GPA) required to be eligible for the scholarship?**
For undergraduates, you must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Graduate students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with GPAs below the specified minimums will not be considered.
- 8) **Can high school seniors or college undergraduates with freshman or sophomores standing apply for the scholarship?**
No, you must have junior or senior standing and have completed at least 60 college semester hours or 90 college quarter hours to be eligible for the scholarship. This is verified through review of submitted transcripts.
- 9) **I am a transfer student from a community college and am currently enrolled in my first semester/quarter in an undergraduate program. I do not yet have a GPA or transcripts from my current institution. What should I do?**
Submit transcripts from your community college and verification from a faculty member in your current undergraduate program confirming your enrollment in the program and at least 12 semester or quarter units.
- 10) **I am currently enrolled in my first semester/quarter in a graduate program and do not yet have a GPA or transcripts. What should I do?**
Submit your undergraduate transcripts and verification from a faculty member in your current graduate program confirming your enrollment in the program and at least 6 semester or quarter units.
- 11) **Is the scholarship program open to applicants who are non-U.S. citizens?**
Yes, the scholarship program is open to non-U.S. citizens.
- 12) **I am attending an out-of-state school; am I still eligible for the scholarship?**
No, applicants must be attending a college or university within the Superior California Chapter geographical area (refer to <http://www.califaep.org/content.asp?pid=10>). Exceptions may be made for applicants attending online graduate programs based at institutions located outside of the chapter area.
- 13) **I am enrolled in an online graduate program; am I still eligible for the scholarship?**
Yes, applicants enrolled in an online graduate program who reside and/or work in the Superior California Chapter geographical area are still eligible for the scholarship, given all other eligibility criteria are met. Applicants attending online graduate programs based at institutions outside of the chapter area are still eligible; however, preference is given to applicants attending programs within the chapter area.
- 14) **Do I need to be an AEP student member in order to be eligible for the scholarship?**
No, you do not need to be a student member of AEP to be eligible. However, an applicant's involvement in AEP and other environmental and community organizations will be considered when selecting recipients. All scholarship award recipients will receive a free AEP student membership or membership renewal.
- 15) **If I am selected for an award, how will I be notified, and when will I receive the award?**
A member of the Scholarship Selection Committee will contact all award recipients by phone no later than Wednesday, November 25, 2009. Scholarship funds, in the form of a check, will be presented to winner(s) at an awards ceremony in December. If winners are unable to attend the ceremony, they will receive scholarship funds by mail within two weeks of the award ceremony.

16) If I am selected for an award, will my name and/or contact information be released to the public?

The name, major, and educational institution of each scholarship award recipient will be posted on the Superior California Chapter website. For recipients attending the awards ceremony, a photo and short article will be included in the Superior California Chapter newsletter. If you wish to not have personal information released to the public, please advise the Scholarship Selection Committee member upon notification of your award.

17) How much will be awarded to each scholarship recipient?

Each year a total of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the selected scholarship recipients. This total may be divided among up to four recipients for a minimum award of \$500.

18) I applied for an AEP scholarship in the past; am I eligible to apply again?

Yes, all applicants meeting the eligibility criteria may apply for the scholarship regardless of past application or award. For past applicants wishing to apply, a new application must be filled out and submitted in order to be considered for future awards.

19) I have additional questions; whom should I contact?

Please contact Scott Sjulín, Superior California Chapter Student Liaison/Scholarship Chair, at scott.sjulin@amec.com.