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**Scholarships from the Suburban Branch of the  
American Public Works Association**

Dear Applicant,

The American Public Works Association (APWA) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational and membership organization whose exempt purpose is 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; and 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 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 public works professionals seeking continuing education and students working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree in a public works-related field.

To help fulfill our Mission, the Suburban Branch of APWA Chicago Metro Chapter is sponsoring a scholarship program for candidates pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering or a Public Works Related field.

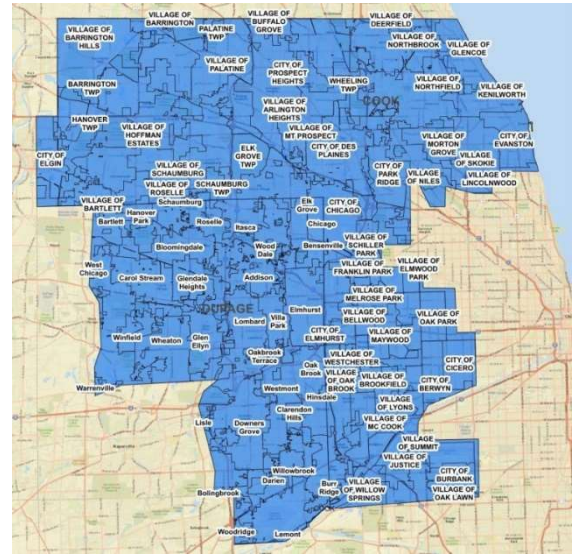
**CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**APPLICATION:** Application forms are available on the APWA Chicago Metro Chapter website at this link: <https://chicago.apwa.org/education/stipends-and-scholarships/>

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must reside or be employed by a member organization within the geographic boundaries of the APWA Suburban Branch (refer to the boundary map in this application). Active members of the 2026 Chicago Metro Chapter Executive Board, 2026 Chicago Metro Chapter Scholarship Committee, 2026 Suburban Branch Executive Board, and/or 2026 Suburban Branch Scholarship Committee, and their family members, are not eligible for these scholarships. Scholarships are for individuals who plan to attend an accredited university or community college during the Fall 2026 semester at the undergraduate or graduate level, whose major course of study encompasses the field of Civil or Environmental Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Public Works Administration or other programs within the public works field. Please note applicants can apply for financial assistance offered by no more than one (1) Branch of the Chapter.

**SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:** To apply for this Scholarship, please submit the following:

- **Cover letter**
- **Completed Student General Information Application**
- **Resume** detailing educational history, work experience and extra-curricular activities.
- **400 to 700-word essay response to the following questions:**
  - a. Describe a moment when you realized the importance of infrastructure in everyday life. How did this shape your career goals?
  - b. If you could work on any type of public infrastructure project, what would it be and why?
  - c. What long-term impact do you hope to make in the field of public works or civil engineering?
- **A letter of recommendation** from a professor, academic counselor, work supervisor, department head, manager, or administrator.



**APWA SUBURBAN BRANCH BOUNDARY**

**Applications shall be compiled into one PDF package compiled in the order listed above and emailed to:**

Kyle Duffy, PE, Branch Scholarship Chair  
Email: [kmduffy@gftinc.com](mailto:kmduffy@gftinc.com)

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Candidates who receive monies from other sources are eligible to apply for this award. Financial need is only one of the criteria to be reviewed to determine the best qualified recipients.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Multiple awards are intended to be awarded. Following the review of all applications, the Branch may also consider issuing additional scholarships. Awarded scholarship amounts vary depending on number of qualified applications received. The scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and applications are required for each subsequent scholarship year. The Branch 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 e-mailed on or before **June 14, 2026**, to the Suburban Branch Scholarship Chair. Notification of awards will be announced by **June 30, 2026**, and an award presentation will be made at the Scholarship / Construction Site Tour Event scheduled for **July 22, 2026**. Scholarship recipients are highly encouraged to attend this event to accept the scholarship.

The APWA Suburban Branch Scholarship Committee thanks you for your interest in the Suburban Branch Scholarship Program. Please feel free to contact the Suburban Branch Scholarship Chair or any members of the Scholarship Committee if you have any questions regarding the program.

Sincerely,

*Scott Rodseth*

*Kyle Duffy*

Scott Rodseth  
APWA Suburban Branch President

Kyle Duffy  
Scholarship Chair



**2026 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**STUDENT GENERAL INFORMATION**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME	
HOME STREET ADDRESS	MAILING STREET ADDRESS (if different)
CITY, STATE	CITY, STATE
ZIP CODE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE	ALT. PHONE
EMAIL	
SCHOOL INFORMATION	
UNIVERSITY NAME	
COLLEGE/PROGRAM NAME	
DEGREE ANTICIPATED (Major)	(Minor)
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE	
COLLEGE CONTACT (Dean/Counselor/Professor)	
Name	
Phone	
EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Current or Previous, please provide summer internships if any)	
EMPLOYER	CONTACT NAME
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE	
PART TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> FULL TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER POSITION? <input type="checkbox"/>	
POSITION/WORK DESCRIPTION	
Are you in an employer sponsored tuition program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, provide details.	



**American Public Works Association  
Suburban Branch**

STUDENT GENERAL INFORMATION FORM (CONT)

REFERENCE INFORMATION	
REFERENCE NAME	
REFERENCE EMPLOYER	
WORK ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
WORK PHONE	WORK EMAIL
APWA CHAPTER & BRANCH AFFILIATION (if any)	

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		
<p>Please provide the dollar amount of assistance from any financial programs from which you received, or will receive, in the Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 semesters. The Suburban Branch of APWA provides scholarships to be used toward tuition, books, fees, supplies and equipment for college courses. Indicate the scholarship amount requested as the difference between the cost of attendance and financial assistance received.</p>		
<b>COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Tuition & Fees		
Books, Supplies, & Equipment		
Room & Board		
<b>Total Cost of Attendance</b>		
<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Student/Parent Contribution		
Loans		
Grants		
<b>Total Financial Assistance</b>		
<b>Scholarship Amount Requested</b>		

I certify that all of the information submitted in this application is true and correct. I further certify that neither I nor any member of my family is an APWA Chicago Metro Chapter and/or Suburban Branch Officer, Director, and/or Member of the Scholarship Committee in 2025.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)