



## **AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION SOUTHWEST BRANCH (CHICAGO METRO CHAPTER) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026**

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; 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 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 public works professionals seeking continuing education and students working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in a public works-related field.

To fulfill our Mission, the Southwest Branch of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the American Public Works Association is sponsoring scholarship programs for:

- Students pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or Public Works Management
- Employees in the public works field pursuing continuing education classes or degrees to further their knowledge of public works
- Front-line public works workers who wish to broaden their knowledge on all aspects of municipal road work and operations through the Illinois Roads Scholar Program



## FULL-TIME STUDENT CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

### **For Candidates Pursuing a Degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or Public Works Management**

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:** Students attending an accredited university 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 are eligible. Candidates must reside or be employed within the geographic boundaries of the APWA Southwest Branch of the Chicago Metro Chapter or be an immediate family member that lives within the southwest branch limits. This area includes the entire counties of, Grundy, Kankakee, and Will and the area in Cook County South of 95<sup>th</sup> Street. No other areas will be considered. Branch officers and their family members are not eligible.

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

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Up to two, \$1,500 scholarships are intended to be awarded. Following review of all applications, the Branch may also consider issuing additional scholarships. The Branch reserves the right to not issue a scholarship if no submitted application is deemed to indicate a scholarship issuance is warranted. The award check will be made payable to the applicable institution in the student's name. Scholarship award recipients must wait twelve (12) months before applying for another APWA SW Branch scholarship. Applicants who did not receive a scholarship award can reapply for the following application deadline.

**DEADLINE:** Application deadlines and award notifications are provided below. Award presentations will be made at a future branch meeting proceeding the notification dates shown.

Financial Aid for Fall 2026 Semester:  
Application Deadline – May 15, 2026  
Notification of Award – May 27, 2026

Financial Aid for Spring 2027 Semester:  
Application Deadline – November 20, 2026  
Notification of Award – December 9, 2026

### **For additional information contact:**

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## 2026 APWA SOUTHWEST BRANCH (CHICAGO METRO CHAPTER) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION**

- A. Submit a copy of a transcript of your college level grades.
- B. List the courses you are presently taking, along with a brief description of each.
- C. Attach (or forward under separate cover) a reference letter from the reference listed on Page 2 of the application.
- D. If currently a high school student, please attach a copy of your letter of acceptance to the college you plan to attend if presently available.
- E. Career Goals and Needs Description

Please answer the following questions accurately and honestly on a separate sheet of paper. Label the paper "Career Goals and Needs Description" and attach to this application.

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. Include your minor course of study, if any.
2. Describe challenges you expect to face in a Public Works career and why you have selected a career in Public Works?
3. Is there any other pertinent information about your career or educational aspirations that should be taken into consideration (i.e., would your proposed academic program include any study or research which may be suitable for publication and serve to benefit the profession)?

**Scholarship applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by  
May 15, 2026 (Fall 2026 Semester) or November 20, 2026 (Spring 2027 Semester)**

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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
NAME	
HOME STREET ADDRESS	MAILING STREET ADDRESS (if different)
CITY, STATE	CITY, STATE
ZIP CODE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE	ALT. PHONE
EMAIL	

EMPLOYER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)
EMPLOYER
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP
PHONE
PART TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> FULL TIME? <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.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Please provide details on any financial programs from which you did or will receive monies. Please be specific.

SCHOOL INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY NAME
COLLEGE/PROGRAM NAME
DEGREE ANTICIPATED (Major) (Minor)
TENTATIVE GRADUATION DATE
COLLEGE CONTACT (Dean/Counselor/Professor)
Name
Phone

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

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of your involvement in extracurricular activities.  
Attach additional pages, if necessary.

I certify that all the information submitted in this application to be true and correct. I further certify that neither I, nor any member of my family, is an officer, director or a member of the Southwest Branch Scholarship Committee of the APWA, Chicago Metro Chapter.

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