



ATTENTION:

Illinois Roads Scholar Candidates and Illinois Public Works Professionals

This Spring, consider training your front-line staffers at the Illinois Roads Scholar Program (IRSP) running from May 10th-14th, 2027 in Effingham, IL.

The IRSP is supported by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter and offers a fun, comprehensive training program over a three-year cycle. For one week per year, front-line workers will be trained in various public works field services, including:

- Safety
- Live Line Training
- Trenching and Shoring
- Snow & Ice Controls
- Traffic Incident Management
- GIS and Asset Management
- Flagger Training
- OSHA 10-Hour Course

Participants who successfully attend all three training years will be designated as an “Illinois Roads Scholar.” Additionally, after completion of the program, graduates will be offered the opportunity to attend a hands-on equipment training session, which can be added as an endorsement to their certificate.

More information on the program and training topics can be found at:

[Illinois Road Scholar Program Web Link](#)

Spread the word and get to Effingham on May 10th-14th for an unforgettable week of self-improvement and hands-on learning!

STIPENDS: Each year, the Chicago Metro Chapter offers **\$599 stipends** to offset the \$825 registration fee, supporting front-line workers’ careers with this training. If you have already enrolled and paid for this training, you are still eligible to apply for and be awarded a stipend!

To apply for a stipend, simply email your completed application form and letters of support to secretary@chicago.apwa.org with the subject line “2027 IRSP Stipend Application.”

Applications must be received by January 15th, 2027. Applicants being awarded a stipend will be notified in February 2027.

If you have any questions concerning the stipend application, contact the APWA Chapter Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs:

Marc Grigas (marc.grigas@strand.com) or Jeff Maczko (jeffrey.maczko@mbakerintl.com)



2027 APWA Illinois Roads Scholar Program Stipend Application

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Employer: _____

Your current position/title: _____

Your long-term position/title goal: _____

Briefly describe how you feel this program will benefit you and your career (Please use an additional page if needed):

How did you hear about the Illinois Roads Scholar Program?

Are you or your employer an APWA member? NO YES

Which APWA Chicago Metro Branch do you participate in? _____

Program year for 2027? YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3

Have you received an APWA stipend for this program in the past? NO YES

Reminder: Please submit the following via email no later than January 15, 2027

- Your Completed Stipend Application
- A letter from a Supervisor Recommending your Attendance.
- A letter from a Subordinate or Peer Recommending your Attendance.

**Submit Your Application via email at secretary@chicago.apwa.org
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