

**Solid Waste Association of North America
(SWANA)**

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter
2010 Scholarship Awards Program**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Applications due by May 1, 2010)

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The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a believer in supporting the higher education goals of today's youth. The Chapter offers college scholarships to eligible students working toward undergraduate or graduate college degrees. In addition, the Chapter will submit the application of the most-qualified, eligible candidate for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program administered by SWANA International.

I. SCHEDULE

By May 1st - Submit completed application forms and back-up documentation to the Chapter Scholarship Committee (CSC). Applications that are not substantially completed and received by May 1 will not be considered; however, the CSC at its option may allow submittal of supporting documentation until May 8, if an extension is requested by the applicant.

June 15th - Announcement of Chapter Scholarship winners.

August 1st - Announcement of International Scholarship winners by SWANA International.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A candidate must be sponsored by a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member, or shall be a Mid-Atlantic Chapter Student Member, in good standing at the time of application, selection, and award.

A candidate may be:

1. A Mid-Atlantic Chapter Student Member.
2. The child or grandchild of a Mid-Atlantic Chapter Member.
3. Someone who is employed, interns, or volunteers in the solid waste field in Maryland, Delaware, or the District of Columbia.
4. The child or grandchild of someone who is employed, interns, or volunteers in the solid waste field in Maryland, Delaware, or the District of Columbia.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter will submit the application of the most-qualified candidate from each eligible category to SWANA International for consideration for the Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program.

III. CATEGORIES (EXPECTED VALUE AND NUMBER OF AWARDS)

Category 1	Graduating high school seniors or graduate equivalent certified candidates who have been accepted for enrollment in a junior college, a four-year college, or a university (any program)	\$500-\$1,000
Category 1A	Currently enrolled full-time college or university students who are entering their sophomore undergraduate year (any program)	\$500-\$1,000

Category 2	Currently enrolled full-time college or university students who are entering their junior or senior undergraduate year and pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering, or other suitable major related to the field of solid waste management	\$750-\$1,000
Category 3	Full-time students who are entering or are in graduate school pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other suitable major related to the field of solid waste management	\$750-\$1,000
Total per fiscal year		\$2,500-\$6,000

The Chapter may award up to a total of \$6,000 in scholarships per fiscal year. Typically, only one scholarship per category will be awarded each year. However, if no submissions or a lack of qualified submissions are received in one or more of the categories, the Board of Directors may make awards above and beyond the specified number in another category which has an abundance of qualified applicants, with the total cash awards typically not to exceed \$6,000.

Majoring in an environmental field is a plus for Categories 1 and 1A scholarships, and is required for Categories 2 and 3.

Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Award 1 @ \$ 2,000.00

The Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Award, sponsored by Office Paper Systems (OPS), will be awarded to the most-qualified (highest total score) applicant. This recipient will not receive any of the previously discussed Chapter scholarships. If eligible under the International criteria, the Chapter will consider this applicant for submission for an International SWANA scholarship. The Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Award will be presented to the recipient by OPS staff.

In addition, in honor of one of the founders of the Chapter, one of the Chapter scholarships each year may be designated as the George L. Winfield Memorial Scholarship. (See <http://www.swana-midatl.org/In%20Memoriam.htm> for information on Mr. Winfield.)

IV. CRITERIA FOR AWARD SELECTION

Category 1/1A

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| 1. Academics
(Form 1.1) | 50% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grade point average (4.0 scale) b. ACT and/or SAT scores c. Academic achievement awards and honors |
| 2. Citizenship
(Form 1.2) | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student organization participation (high school/college) b. Scouting c. High school ROTC, military, etc. d. Charitable, civic or religious organization work |

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| | | e. Other |
| 3. Extracurricular Activities
(Form 1.3) | 20% | a. Athletics
b. Music, drama, debate, etc.
c. Student paper or yearbook
d. Other |
| 4. Written Discussion
(Form 1.8) | 10% | a. Clarity and organization of the work
b. Grammar
c. Accuracy and originality |

Category 2/3

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| 1. Academics
(Form 1.1) | 30% | a. Grade point average (4.0 scale) |
| 2. Other Activities
(Form 1.2, 1.6, 1.7) | 20% | a. Research Intern/Assistantship
b. Volunteer Activities
c. ROTC, military, etc.
d. Charitable, civic or religious organization work
e. Other |
| 3. Relation of Studies to Solid Waste Management
(Form 1.4, 1.5) | 50% | a. Current courses and completed courses |

Ratings will also consider completeness, compliance with instructions, and neatness.

The highest total points within each scholarship category will determine the award recipient. In the case of the same numerical scores, the Chapter Scholarship Committee will choose the winner.

Documentation on all grades and test scores should be forwarded to the Chapter Scholarship Committee directly from the high school, college/university or testing organization.

For Category 1/1A applicants, any activity listed in the community activities or extracurricular activities section should include a contact and phone number so as to confirm participation in the activity.

Category 2/3 candidates should provide a description of all course work, clearly identifying those which are most closely related to solid waste management or environmental science. If involved in a research program or an internship/assistantship, Category 2/3 applicants should have their faculty advisor provide documentation regarding the nature of the research/work and the candidate's performance.

Typically, more than two significant activities on Forms 1.2 and 1.3 are necessary for the maximum score. Nonetheless, it is possible that a score as high as 10% may be considered for a single **significant** activity within each category if the extent of responsibility/authority/time demands warrants it.

Optional Additional Rating Criterion: - Maximum additional 20 points to be added to the above score

In 200 words or less, on Form 1.9 describe why you should be considered for a scholarship

and/or extenuating special personal or family circumstances or hardships or needs of which the scholarship committee should be aware. This may include an explanation of why participation in extracurricular or other activities is limited, grade point average is low, etc. Form 1.9 is optional.

V. APPLICATION COMPLETION

Each applicant will be required to fill out the Application Form and have it, along with all back-up documentation to the Chapter Scholarship Committee by May 1st. All applications should be typewritten or written legibly. Attached are the forms you will need to complete the application. (In lieu of the attached Forms, computerized facsimiles may be used.)

Questions 12 d (3), (4), and (5) are to be answered on separate forms (Form 1.1, Form 1.2, and Form 1.3, respectively). These forms are for the "Academic Achievement Awards and Honors", "Citizenship", and "Extracurricular Activities" portions of the application. These forms can be copied if more room is needed.

Question 13 d and f are to be completed on separate forms (Form 1.4 and Form 1.5, respectively). Form 1.4 is to be used for describing courses that you are taking at the time of application. Form 1.5 is for courses already completed. Each course should be started on a new line. If more lines are needed, the form may be copied.

There are two additional forms that may apply to the academic achievement of applicants. Form 1.6 is to be used to describe any research efforts the applicant is involved in or has completed. Form 1.7 is to be used to describe any past or present internships/assistantships in the field of study, as well as by a full or part-time employee (including student interns, paid or non-paid) to describe his/her work in the solid waste field.

Please use Form 1.8 or attach a page discussing your views on solid waste management, e.g.: what it is, who participates, what are the current issues facing the profession, and your thoughts on its future direction. Quality of the essay will be evaluated and rated for clarity, organization of the work, grammar, accuracy, and originality.

VI. BACK-UP DOCUMENTATION

The following applicable back-up documentation should be sent to the Chapter Scholarship Committee by the institution issuing the award, grade, score, etc.:

1. ACT/SAT scores
2. Grade Point Average
3. Graduation from institution
4. Acceptance to institution
5. Transcripts

This information should be sent by the issuing institution; any information provided by the applicant may be considered invalid and not counted in the scoring.

The applicants may submit other attachments which support or document the requested information. The applicants have the responsibility for verifying that the Scholarship Committee has received his/her back-up documentation. Please leave sufficient time for the institution to receive your request, process it, and send material to the Scholarship Committee before the deadline. The CSC may determine not to consider applications and back-up documentation which are not properly completed. The CSC may consider alternate verifications.