



JAMES B. WARNER SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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Purpose

James B. Warner served the Rocky Mountain Section for many years and led our section with excellence, vision, and dedication. The James B. Warner Scholarships were created by RMSAWWA to honor James B. Warner and to encourage young professionals seeking education in a water-related field.

There are two types of James B. Warner Scholarships: James B. Warner Scholarship and a James B. Warner Associates Scholarship

The purpose of this policy is to define the qualifications for receiving and the process of applying for these scholarships.

The Rocky Mountain Section American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA) annually awards one or more scholarships to qualified individuals who are advancing their education or careers in water.

The scholarship amount(s) awarded will be dependent on the amount of interest earned on the Warner Fund account balance each year. In addition to the scholarship award, each awardee(s) will also receive one free full conference registration for the annual RMSAWWA/RMWEA Rocky Mountain Water Conference.

Scholarship Option #1: James B. Warner Scholarship

The James B. Warner Scholarship was created by RMSAWWA to encourage students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the field of water. Up to three of these scholarships can be awarded each year. No more than one award may be made per state (Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming) per year, and the amount of each award is established by the RMSAWWA Governing Board as part of the annual budgeting process. Historically scholarship award amounts have ranged from \$500 - \$4,000.

Scholarship eligibility requirements:

- The applicant must be a member of the RMSAWWA.
- The applicant must be a student who will be at least a junior in the next fall term, pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university in the state of Colorado, New Mexico or Wyoming, and planning to live in one of those states upon graduation.
- The fields of study applicable for the scholarship include, but are not limited to water science, water management, water resources and water-related engineering.
- Funds must be used for tuition, books, or fees.
- Scholarship funds will be paid from RMSAWWA to the educational institution where students are enrolled.
- Immediate family members of RMSAWWA staff and Governing Board are not eligible to receive scholarship funds.
- Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use recipient's name and school.

Scholarship Option #2: James B. Warner Associate Scholarship

The James B. Warner Associate Scholarship was created by RMSAWWA to encourage students pursuing an associate degree or certification/licensure as a technician or operator in a water, wastewater, or stormwater field. Up to three of these scholarships can be awarded each year. No more than one award may be made per state (Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming) per year. The amount of each award is established by the RMSAWWA Governing Board as part of the annual budgeting process and is dependent on interest earned in the Warner Fund account. Historically, this award amount has been \$1,000, when available.

Scholarship eligibility requirements include:

- The applicant must be a member of the RMSAWWA.
- The applicant must be a current water or wastewater operator or technician, or an individual seeking to enter the water, wastewater, or stormwater profession as operator or technician.
- The applicant must be seeking a certification/licensure, two-year related associate degree, or technical school degree from an accredited technical school, college, or university in the state of Colorado, New Mexico or Wyoming, with plans to live in one of these three states upon completion.
- Funds must be used for tuition, books/manuals, or fees.
- Scholarship funds will be paid from RMSAWWA to the educational institution where students are enrolled.
- Immediate family members of RMSAWWA staff and Governing Board are not eligible to receive scholarship funds.
- Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use recipient's name and school.

Application Process for both Warner Scholarships:

Students interested in applying for either the James B. Warner Scholarship or the James B. Warner Associates Scholarship must submit a completed application to the RMSAWWA by the appropriate deadline indicated on the form and the RMSAWWA website. Scholarship

applications received by the deadline will be evaluated using a scoring rubric based on the application questions. The winner(s) will be announced at the Annual Business lunch.

Scholarship awardees will receive a letter of acceptance from RMSAWWA requesting student ID number and university/ college address for receipt of the funds. Students must sign in agreement that the funding will be sent to the institution. Scholarship funds must be used within one year or they are returned to RMSAWWA.

Contact Section Staff at info@rmsawwa.org for more information. Application forms can be downloaded from the RMSAWWA website at www.rmsawwa.org.