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Memo

Date: February 1, 2015

To: University Affiliates

From: Robin Matthews-Barnes—MSAWWA Executive Secretary/MWEA Executive Director

Subject: 2015 MSAWWA-MWEA Donald G. Willems Scholarship

It is time to remind your students to apply for the annual Donald G. Willems Scholarship--awarded jointly by the Montana Section of the American Water Works Association & the Montana Water Environment Association. One (1) \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded this year, to be used towards the cost of the recipient's tuition and books. The application and additional information are available on the Montana Section AWWA website at www.montana-awwa.org. Click on the "Scholarships" tab.

Applicants must be either a high school senior planning to attend a Montana college or university, or must be currently enrolled in a Montana college or university. Their major course work (or intended major if a high school senior) must be leading them towards employment in the fields of water and/or wastewater treatment, engineering, operator training, and/or research.

Applicants must submit the completed application along with a current college transcript, brief resume, a statement of professional goals upon completion of their education, and two letters of reference including one advisor and/or one instructor.

Please direct the applicant to either mail the completed application and additional materials to the address listed on the application, or email the completed package to info@montana-awwa.org. If mailing, the package must be postmarked by MARCH 15, 2015.

For further information, please contact me by email at: Info@montana-awwa.org.

Thank you,

Robin Matthews-Barnes
MSAWWA Executive Secretary
MWEA Executive Director

The Montana Section of the
American Water Works Association
& the Montana Water Environment Association
DONALD G. WILLEMS
Scholarship Application
Deadline: March 15th



NAME: _____

HIGHSCHOOL (If HS Senior) _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

MAJOR/PROPOSED MAJOR: _____

MINOR(S): _____

TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED: _____

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

EXPECTED COLLEGE GRADUATION DATE: _____

Please attach copy of current transcripts, two letters of reference, resume, and statement of professional goals. Return this completed application and the above-mentioned documents by email to: Info@montana-awwa.org OR by mail to:
MSAWWA/MWEA
Executive Secretary
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Donald G. Willems
Scholarship



. . .providing opportunity
for those pursuing higher
education related to water
and/or wastewater fields

Donald G. Willems

The MSAWWA and the MWEA have named this scholarship to honor Donald G. Willems and his many years of dedicated service to the State of Montana, its environment and its people.

It is not so much for the years of Don's service, nor his many professional accomplishments that we established this scholarship, as it is the way Don did his work. In his work Don was quiet, but supportive. He was calm under pressure and in the face of conflict. He was eager to reconcile rather than polarize. Don recognized worth and ability in other people, and did not so much rule over people as work with them. He gave people chances to prove themselves, and was responsible for giving many young people in the State the career opportunity they desired.

By these means Don made it possible for people to claim their own sense of achievement. He prepared the ground so others could succeed and future generations of Montanans could be assured the environmental conditions that make for health.

We honor Don for the seeds he planted and the benefits he brought to others. We carry on Don's belief in the youth of Montana by awarding this scholarship to deserving college students.

General Description

The MSAWWA and MWEA jointly offer one or more scholarships annually to students whose course work leads to employment in the water and/or wastewater fields. Each award includes a scholarship of \$1,000 to be used towards the cost of the student(s)' tuition and books, a student membership in either MSAWWA or MWEA, and paid registration for the MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Conference at which time the scholarship winners are announced to the membership.

Basic Requirements

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Montana college or university. Their major must aim them towards employment in the fields of water and/or wastewater (treatment, engineering, operator training, and/or laboratory).

Applicants may be enrolled in a program at any degree level (associate, bachelor or graduate).

Applicants must have at least a 2.00 GPA, based on a 4.0 scale.

Application Instructions

The application and additional required information must be postmarked by the MSAWWA-MWEA Executive Secretary by **March 15th** each year. Application and additional materials can be mailed or submitted electronically to the email address on the application form.

Applications must include:

- a current transcript (an official transcript is not required);
- a brief resume;
- a statement (1,000 words or less) of professional goals upon completion of their education;
- two letters of reference including one from an advisor and/or one from an instructor.

A recipient may not apply in consecutive years. Rarely will a scholarship be given more than once to the same person.

Conditions of Acceptance

Candidates will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision, and the successful recipient must inform the Scholarship Chairman of his/her acceptance or rejection of the award within one week of the date of notification. The scholarship will be awarded in the recipient's name to the school he/she is attending. The scholarship monies will then be applied accordingly.

Recipients will be asked to complete either an MSAWWA or MWEA membership form.

It is also requested that recipients notify the organization when they complete their degree and enter a profession.