



2023 Northern California APWA Scholarship Application

The American Public Works Association (APWA) is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

Submit via email to: jricoruiz@haleyaldrich.com

Application Deadline: April 21, 2023

2023 Scholarship Awards

- APWA Northern California Chapter is pleased to announce it will be offering multiple \$1,000 scholarships to students considering a career in public works.

Applicant Requirements:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a University, Junior College, or Vocational School or are in their senior year of High School and will be pursuing continuing education.
- Applicants must provide proof of Fall 2023 enrollment or if in high school a letter of acceptance.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Applicants must provide a copy of **official** transcripts.
- Scholarship recipients must attend one of the APWA events to receive the scholarship check.
- Applicants must reside within the geographic boundaries of the Northern California Chapter. This chapter covers eleven counties in northwest California: San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte.
- Submission of application package should include the following:
 - Completed application form (page 3 of this document)
 - Completed essay
 - Official transcript
 - Proof of College or Vocational School Enrollment in Fall 2023

Application Process:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the most up-to-date application form is submitted. The latest application form can be found under the Resources tab at <http://northernca.apwa.net/>.



- Submit application form, transcript, and essay as a PDF document in one (1) email to address above. The title of the subject line should read “2023 APWA Scholarship Application (YOUR NAME)”.
- Applicants will receive a confirmation email that their application has been received. If a confirmation email is not received within 2 business days, applicants should resubmit their application package.

Evaluation Process

- Applications will be evaluated by the APWA Northern California Chapter Scholarship Judging Committee, which will provide its awarding recommendations to the APWA Northern California Chapter Board of Directors. The Board will approve all scholarships awarded and decisions made by the Board are final.
- It is the intent of the Judging Committee and Board to award scholarships based on (a) academic excellence, (b) essay content, and (c) extracurricular activities.
- The APWA Northern California Chapter will notify scholarship winners by late-May.

Essay

Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy. Public works is a vast field and can encompass professions from compliance specialists to plumbers to engineers. This essay should demonstrate your understanding of what public works does for our communities, and why you are interested in a career involved with public works.

Essay Formatting:

- Essay must be typed
- 12-point font Times New Roman
- One-inch margins and in portrait format
- Double-spaced
- Maximum four (4) pages on 8 ½” x 11” paper

Essay Questions:

1. Why are you interested in a public works career and how will your education relate to public works? Describe your field of study (or planned field of study) and how it relates.
2. Describe a public works project or operations that has made a meaningful impact to you. If you haven’t had any interactions with public works projects, please describe



something you have done in the past year that has made a difference in your community.

3. Please list your extracurricular activities. What is the most important value or lesson you've learned by participating in any of these extracurricular activities? How will this newly learned value or lesson be important in your chosen career, why?
4. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

ATTACH a copy of your OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT as a PDF at the end of this application.