



Board of Directors Scholarship Program



Water Treatment Operator



Chemist



Engineer

The WEST BASIN Board of Directors is proud to sponsor this annual **Board of Directors Scholarship Program** for **graduating high school seniors accepted into a trade school, junior college or university**. The program aims to nurture student interest in potential water industry careers, and recognize scholastic achievement and community service.

Water plays a vital role in our everyday lives.

Yet few people are aware of the many jobs required to provide our residents and businesses with their daily water needs. These important duties are fulfilled by a dedicated workforce responsible for managing our water quality, treatment and distribution systems.

Some jobs may be filled by high school graduates and people with technical school or 2-year college degrees. Such positions include plant operators, utility personnel, mechanics, meter readers, customer service representatives and office support staff.

Other water industry jobs usually require a 4-year college degree or a graduate degree. Such jobs include those of engineer, scientist, environmental researcher, computer programmer and analyst, public relations specialist, health and safety specialist, lawyer and human resource specialist.

During the next 5 years, many water professionals will be retiring from the industry. As a result, recruitment of trained and qualified replacements will increase while major growth for the industry continues to expand. California's growing population will require an even safer, higher quality water supply in the future.

West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors Scholarship Guidelines

The WEST BASIN Board of Directors sponsors an annual scholarship program to recognize scholastic achievement, community service, and to nurture student awareness of water industry careers. High school seniors who have been accepted for admission to a trade school, junior college or university, and are interested in a career in water, are eligible to submit an application. Up to two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded within each WEST BASIN Division (see attached list) per academic calendar year. Applicants must live in or attend a high school located in the WEST BASIN service area.

The award will include a Certificate of Achievement and a one-time \$1,000 cash scholarship for use toward tuition or books. Deadline to apply each winter will be posted on the WEST BASIN web site at www.westbasin.org. Applications will be available online as well as in hard copy at WEST BASIN's administrative office in Carson, at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo, and distributed to local area high school counseling offices and college career centers.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. (PST) on **Friday, February 25, 2011** by email, standard mail, fax, or hand delivered to West Basin Municipal Water District, Attn: WEST BASIN Scholarship Committee, 17140 South Avalon Blvd., Suite 210, Carson, CA 90746-1296. WEST BASIN is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. These rules are subject to change at any time. Any and all changes will be explained to all participants known to WEST BASIN at least 24 hours prior to appropriate application deadline.

To apply, students must complete and submit the official application with a 500-word essay describing the applicant's knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of current and future water issues, describe how water will be integrated into their field of study and the reason the applicant would like to work in the water industry. Essays will be judged on the applicant's understanding of the water situation in Southern California; knowledge of the water industry and the ability to convincingly articulate the desire to work in the selected field; organization and thoughtfulness of the essay; grammar, as determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee in its discretion. Essays must be typewritten in Microsoft Word (rich text okay) on white letter size paper (8.5" by 11"), double sided, double spaced, 12 point font, and margins of one inch on all four sides. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is established for scholarship applicants. S.A.T. or A.C.T. scores will also be submitted and considered. Participation in high school activities, clubs, and volunteer community service is not required but desirable. Employment while attending high school will also be considered, in lieu of activities, if the applicant can secure a letter of recommendation from his/her employer.

Applicants must be registered as full-time students at their planned trade school, junior college or university. A copy of the student's trade school or college class enrollment schedule will be provided to WEST BASIN in order to release the award directly to the student.

WEST BASIN employees, Directors and immediate family members are not eligible.

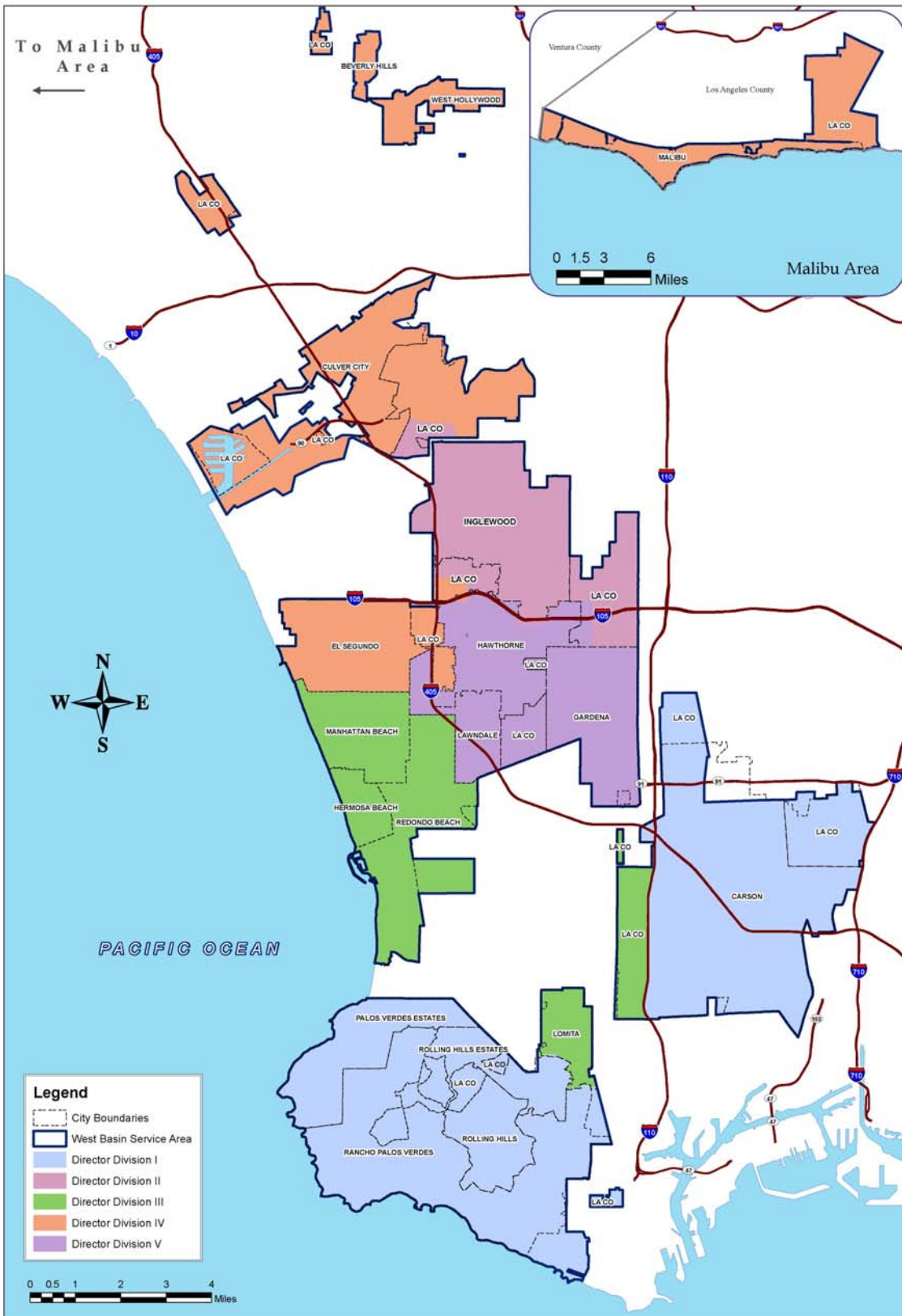
Selection will be based on completeness of the application and the essay. Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification. A winner who subsequently does not attend the college or university the following fall semester forfeits the scholarship, and WEST BASIN will award it to the runner up. Finalists are subject to a face-to-face interview with WEST BASIN personnel and/or Directors from the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of West Basin staff and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors. All decisions regarding the selection of the scholarship finalists and the scholarship recipient are within the sole, exclusive and unfettered discretion of the Board of Directors, and all decisions of the Board are final.

Applicants should retain a copy of their application and supporting documents. Finalists will be notified of their qualification for an interview. Interview dates will be coordinated with the finalists. Scholarship funds will be distributed to winning applicants upon receipt of a copy of their college enrollment schedule.

For additional information, go to www.westbasin.org or call 310-660-6216.



West Basin Municipal Water District Director Divisions



Service Area Divisions

Division I:
 Carson
 Palos Verdes Estates
 Rancho Palos Verdes
 Rolling Hills
 Rolling Hills Estates
 San Pedro

Division II:
 Inglewood
 Lennox
 Athens
 Howard
 Ross-Sexton

Division III:
 Hermosa Beach
 Lomita
 Manhattan Beach
 Redondo Beach
 Torrance

Division IV:
 Culver City
 El Segundo
 Malibu
 West Hollywood
 Lennox
 North Ladera Heights
 Del Aire
 Topanga
 View Park
 Windsor Hills

Division V:
 Gardena
 Hawthorne
 Lawndale
 El Camino Village

For further information regarding school or student eligibility, please call (310) 660-6216 or email darrylr@westbasin.org



Public Information Officer



Biologist



Water Resource Planner

Additional Water Information Resources:

West Basin Municipal Water District,
www.westbasin.org

Water Industry Job Descriptions & Salaries

American Water Works Association
<http://apps.awwa.org/ebusmain/Default.aspx?tabid=247>

California Employment Development Department,
<http://www.edd.ca.gov>

CollegeBoard,
http://www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles/careers/104723.html

How to Become a Water Treatment Operator

American Water Works Association, California-Nevada Section,
<http://www.ca-nv-awwa.org/CA-NV>

California Water Environment Association, <http://www.cwea.org/index.shtml>

Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos229.htm>

Office of Water Programs, California State University Sacramento,
<http://www.owp.csus.edu>

Water Issues and Water Conservation

Association of California Water Agencies,
<http://www.acwa.com/issues/drought2009/>

California Department of Water Resources,
<http://www.water.ca.gov/>

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,
<http://www.mwdh2o.com/> and <http://www.bewaterwise.com/>

Water Education Foundation,
<http://www.water-ed.org/watersources/>

Water Environment Federation, <http://www.wef.org/Home>

