

West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors Scholarship Guidelines

The WEST BASIN Board of Directors (BOD) sponsors an annual scholarship program that recognizes scholastics, community achievement, and interest in pursuing a career in the water industry. The goal of the program is to encourage careers in the water industry, support local education and give back to the local community served by WEST BASIN. High school seniors living within the WEST BASIN service area or graduating from schools in the WEST BASIN service area, and who have been selected for admission to a trade school, junior college or university are eligible to submit an application. There will be two \$1,000 scholarships awarded within each WEST BASIN Division. Recipients must live in or go to high school in the WEST BASIN Division from which they apply for the scholarship

The award will be a Certificate of Achievement and a one-time \$1,000 cash scholarship for use toward tuition or books. Up to 2 scholarships within each of the 5 WEST BASIN Service Divisions will be awarded per academic calendar. Applicants must live in or attend high school in one of the 5 WEST BASIN's service divisions. Deadline to apply each spring 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 administration office in Carson, Calif., and at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility and distributed to area high school counselors' offices college career centers.

To apply, students must complete and submit the official application with a 500-word essay describing the applicant's field of study and the reason the applicant would like to work in the water industry. Essays will be judged on knowledge of the water industry; understanding of the water situation in southern California; ability to convincingly articulate the desire to work in the industry; organization and thoughtfulness of the essay; and grammar, as determined by the Committee in its discretion. Applicants must be registered as full time students at their planned trade school, junior college or university. Essays must be typewritten in Microsoft Word (rich text okay) on white letter size paper (8.5" by 11"), single sided, double spaced, 12 point Times Roman font, and margins of one inch on all four sides. A minimum grade point average of 3.5 is established for scholarship applicants. Participation in high school activities and clubs will be considered. Community involvement as a volunteer is not required but desirable. Employment while attending high school will be considered if the applicant can secure a letter of recommendation from his/her employer.

WEST BASIN employees and Board of Directors and their immediate family members are not eligible.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. (PST) on the posted deadline date by mail, fax, or hand delivered to West Basin Municipal Water District, Attn: WEST BASIN BOD Scholarship Committee, 17140 South Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA90746-1296. 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.

Selection will be based on completeness of the application and the essay. Plagiarism is ground for disqualification. A winner who subsequently does not attend the trade school, college or university the following fall semester forfeits the scholarship. Finalists are subject to a face-to-face interview with WEST BASIN personnel from the Scholarship Committee or another interview panel as designated by WEST BASIN. The Scholarship Committee will be made up of staff and customer personnel 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-XXXX.

WEST BASIN Board of Directors (BOD) Scholarship Program Application
Applications Due: (TBD)

Submit only one application.

Name: _____ (first, m.i., last)

Address: _____ (street number, street, city, zip)

Phone no. _____ Phone no. to leave msg.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

High School name & address:

Counselor name and phone no.:

List your intended area of study or major:

List College/University attending in fall:

List high school grade point average & enclose copy of transcript:

Other Scholarships received/applied for:

Describe a special hardship that you wish the scholarship committee to be aware of:

Extracurricular Activities/Work Experience: (list most recent extracurricular activities & work experience. Specify what your involvement, special roles or functions you performed, and number of years involved. If you need more room, attach a separate sheet of paper with the heading: Extracurricular Activities/Work experience.

Employment: List Company (companies), dates, and name and name and phone no. of supervisor for each.

Volunteer Work: List organization(s), dates and name and phone no. of supervisor for each.

List School Activities/Clubs: (dates and leadership positions held, if any)

Provide additional information, if needed not to exceed one page:

Attach supporting documents.

Pledge: I intend to enroll at _____ (college/university) as a full time student (12 units minimum) beginning in the fall of 20__ (fill in year). I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I authorize the Scholarship Committee to review my official transcript and all other data pertaining to this application. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to attend a scholarship presentation at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Basin Municipal Water District.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Applications cannot be processed without signatures.