



# GAWP

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

### Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements

The Georgia Association of Water Professionals maintains three separate scholarship funds and awards seven scholarships each year. Each of these funds is intended to assist deserving students in their further training and education after high school. The Scholarship Committee of GAWP administers the scholarship program. Applications will be evaluated based upon criteria approved by the GAWP Board of Directors. The criteria include membership in GAWP (except for the H2Opportunity Undergraduate and Philip R. Karr Scholarships), scholastic record, extracurricular activities, and, in the case of the H2Opportunity Undergraduate and Philip R. Karr Scholarships, a brief essay.

**Applications are available online from January through February. Applications and all attachments are to be post marked by February 28 each year. Criteria are subject to change.**

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#### **GAWP'S GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

GAWP's General Scholarship Fund was established in the mid-1980s for the purpose of assisting deserving members of GAWP and their children in furthering their education. GAWP will award five \$2,000 scholarships from this fund yearly, as follows: one Undergraduate Scholarship, two Frontline Undergraduate Scholarships, one Graduate Scholarship, and one H2Opportunity Undergraduate Scholarship.

#### **GAWP'S UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

GAWP's Undergraduate Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$2,000 per year, and is renewable for up to three years, contingent upon the student meeting established renewal criteria. Requirements for eligibility for this scholarship are as follows:

- Applicant or applicant's parent shall hold an active, individual membership in GAWP.
- Applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited high school, or demonstrate that graduation will occur before August 1 each year.
- Scholarship funds shall be used to assist in the cost of an undergraduate education or training program in a recognized university, community college, junior college, technical training school, etc. There is no restriction with regard to the course of study that must be followed by the applicant.

#### **GAWP'S FRONTLINE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

In 2005, GAWP created the Frontline Undergraduate Scholarship for the frontline workers in our industry and their children. Frontline workers include non-management positions such as operators, superintendents, laboratory technicians, customer service specialists, CAD operators, etc., but would exclude management positions such as engineers, division managers, department managers, utility directors, and corporate officers. These job titles are listed as examples of non-management and management positions. It is possible that some small utility personnel may have one of these "management" job titles yet not be in a management position, as such those employees and their children would be eligible for this scholarship. Eligibility for the Frontline Undergraduate Scholarship is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. (Applicants for this scholarship are also eligible to apply for GAWP's Undergraduate Scholarship if they or their parents are individual members of GAWP.) This scholarship is renewable for up to three years, contingent upon the student meeting established renewal criteria. Two Frontline Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded annually, and the annual award amount for each scholarship is \$2,000. These scholarships are renewable for up to three years, contingent upon the student meeting established renewal criteria. Requirements for eligibility for the Frontline Undergraduate Scholarship are as follows:

- Applicant or applicant's parent shall be an employee of a GAWP Utility or Corporate Member, or applicant or applicant's parent shall hold an active, individual membership in GAWP.
- Applicant or applicant's parent shall be in a non-management, non-engineering position. Applicant shall provide a short description of this position.
- Applicant is encouraged to submit a recommendation from a representative of the Utility or Corporate Member stating why this employee or this employee's son or daughter should be considered for this scholarship.
- Applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited high school, or demonstrate that graduation will occur before August 1 yearly.
- Scholarship funds shall be used to assist in the cost of an undergraduate education or training program in a recognized university, community college, junior college, technical training school, etc. There is no restriction with regard to the course of study that must be followed by the applicant.

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### GAWP'S GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

In 2003, GAWP established a Graduate Scholarship for graduate students only. This scholarship is a \$2,000 award and is non-renewable, but recipients may compete for the scholarship in subsequent years. Requirements for eligibility are as follows:

- Applicant or applicant's parent shall hold an active, individual membership in GAWP.
- Applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university, or demonstrate that graduation will occur before August 1 yearly.
- Scholarship funds shall be used to assist in the cost of an education in a recognized college or university graduate program. There is no restriction with regard to the course of study that must be followed by the applicant.
- Selection criteria shall be based on applicants' college credentials (e.g. Grade Point Average).

### GAWP'S H2OPPORTUNITY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

In 2008, GAWP established the H2Opportunity Undergraduate Scholarship for undergraduate students who enter a field of study leading to a career in the water profession. This scholarship is a \$2,000 award and is non-renewable, but recipients may compete for the scholarship in subsequent years. The recipient will be expected to participate in at least one GAWP-sponsored event. Requirements for eligibility for this scholarship are as follows:

- Applicant or applicant's parents shall not be an individual member (other than a Student Member), or employed by a Corporate or Utility Member, of GAWP.
- Applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited high school, or demonstrate that graduation will occur before August 1 yearly.
- Work experience or an internship in a water-related field is recommended, but not required.
- Applicant shall be a resident of Georgia, or entering or attending a college, university or training school located in Georgia.
- Scholarship funds shall be used to assist in the cost of an undergraduate education or training program in a recognized university, community college, junior college, technical training school, etc. This scholarship is to be awarded for studies leading to a career in the water profession.
- A short essay (not to exceed 1,500 words) is required. The essay is to cover the applicant's interest in, and intended course of studies leading to, a career in the water profession.

### **WILLIAM J. GREENE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The William J. Greene, Jr. Scholarship was established by GAWP in 1995 in honor of Mr. Greene upon his election to the American Water Works Association's Water Industry Hall of Fame. In 1997, GAWP awarded the first William J. Greene Scholarship. The annual award amount for this scholarship is \$2,000 and it is renewable for up to three years, contingent upon the student meeting established renewal criteria. Requirements for eligibility for this scholarship are as follows:

- Applicant or applicant's parent shall hold an active, individual membership in GAWP.
- Applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited high school, or demonstrate that graduation will occur before August 1 yearly.
- Scholarship funds shall be used to assist a student attending the Georgia Institute of Technology. There is no restriction with regard to the course of study that must be followed by the applicant.

### **PHILIP R. KARR, III SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Philip R. Karr, III Scholarship was established in 1996 by friends of Dr. Karr, in recognition of his dynamic leadership and contributions to improved management and operation of public water systems and treatment facilities. In 1997, GAWP awarded the first Philip R. Karr, III Scholarship. This scholarship is a \$2,000 award and is renewable for one year, contingent upon the student meeting established renewal criteria. Requirements for eligibility for this scholarship are as follows:

- Individual membership in GAWP is not a requirement for eligibility for this scholarship.
- Applicant shall be a resident of Georgia, or entering or attending a college or university graduate school located in Georgia.
- Applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university, or demonstrate that graduation will occur before August 1 yearly.
- Scholarship funds shall be used to assist in the cost of education in a recognized college or university graduate program. This scholarship is to be awarded for studies centered on environmental engineering, water resources, water quality, or related fields.
- A short essay (not to exceed 1,500 words) is required. The essay is to cover the applicant's professional goals in environmental engineering, water resources, or related fields, and the applicant's intended use for the scholarship.
- Selection criteria shall be based on applicants' college credentials (e.g. Grade Point Average)
- Applicants *may* be interviewed by the GAWP Scholarship Committee.

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### Georgia Section AWWA Scholarships



The Georgia Section of the American Water Works Association (GAWWA) awards two \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships annually. Scholarships are awarded to individual members of GAWWA or their children.

These scholarships are designated as follows:

- One scholarship will be awarded for studies at a four-year college or university, and
- One scholarship will be awarded exclusively for studies at a vocational, technical or trade school.

Application for a GAWWA scholarship must be made on the GAWWA Scholarship Application Form which will be available on the GAWWA website ([www.gawwa.org](http://www.gawwa.org) in the News Section) in December. Completed applications must be mailed (no emailed, or faxed applications will be considered) by March 1 each year.