**Applications Due: April 7, 2023**

**Eligibility:** The following individuals are eligible for an Air & Waste Management Association - Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) college scholarship:

* Full-time undergraduate students attending a college or university located within the New York State counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, or Wyoming during the 2022-2023 academic year.

* A child or spouse of a current A&WMA-NFS member who is a full-time undergraduate student at a recognized college or university, regardless of location, during the 2022-2023 academic year.

**Awards:** The number and amount of the scholarship(s) will be approved by the A&WMA-NFS Board of Directors. It is anticipated that one or more scholarships will be awarded in amounts ranging from approximately $500 to $1,000. Each scholarship is awarded for the 2023-2024 academic year only and is not renewable.

**Selection:** The A&WMA-NFS Education Committee will review all completed applications that are submitted before midnight of the due date. Awards will be made based on environmental interests, academic record, school and community leadership, and future academic/career potential. Application judging will not consider sex, race, national origin, financial need, age, or physical disability. The ultimate awards decision will be made at the discretion of the A&WMA-NFS Board of Directors based on recommendations from the A&WMA-NFS Education Committee. The decisions of the A&WMA-NFS Board of Directors and A&WMA-NFS Education Committee on scholarship awards are final. Scholarship awards will be announced around **May 1, 2023**.

**Application:** Completed applications must include all information requested below. Applications will be judged at the discretion of the education committee.

1. **Affiliation:** For the purpose of awarding points based on affiliation, the committee will consider the following:
	* Student member of the AWMA-NFS. Please follow the link <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/page-1662951> to become a member.
	* Child or acquaintance of an existing AWMA-NFS member in good standing.
	* Currently enrolled in a science or engineering based field of study.
2. **Academic Record:** The committee will consider the applicant’s academic record, including, grade point average (GPA) and area of study. An unofficial transcript for all college work must be submitted with the application.
3. **Extracurricular Activities, Community Service and Volunteer Work:** The committee will consider the applicant’s work/intern experience and participation in clubs, sports, organizations, and seminars. *Special consideration will be given to volunteer work for any AWMA-NFS function.* Points for extracurricular activities will be based on the following:
* volunteer work activity for any AWMA-NFS function that the applicant has completed during the past 12 months.
* environmental based activity that the applicant has completed during the past 12 months.
1. **Environmental Essay:** The committee will consider the applicant’s essay describing in 700 words or less an experience the applicant had working to improve the environment (volunteer, school or work related) or an environmental issue of interest to the student.

**Only complete applications, including college transcript(s), submitted no later than Friday, April 7, 2023 (midnight) will be considered.**

**Section I: General Information and Affiliation**

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| Are you a child, relative, or sponsored friend of A&WMA? | Yes: |  |  | No: |  |
| If yes, name of adult relation or sponsoring adult: |  |

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| Are you a student member of the A&WMA? | Yes: |  |  | No: |  |

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| If you belong to a student chapter, please indicate which one: Are you an officer in that student chapter? | Yes: |  |  | No: |  |

**Section II: Academic Record and Area of Study**

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| Current College / University: |  |

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| Class: | Freshman |  | Sophomore |  | Junior |  | Senior |  |  |

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| Attendance Dates: | From: |  | To: |  |
| Major: |  |
| Minor(s): |  |
| Future Degree (MS, BA, etc.): |  |
| Previous College / University: |  |
| Attendance Dates: | From: |  | To: |  |
| Major: |  |
| Minor(s): |  |
| Degree (MS, BA, etc.): |  |

###### *Transcript(s)*

Enclose all applicable college transcripts showing GPA. Transcript(s) must be attached to the application or submitted to the email address listed at the end of this application.

**Section III:** **Extracurricular Activities, Community Service and Volunteer Work**

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| Organization | **Involvement****(e.g., officer, member or Position)** | **Duration****(From / To)** | Brief Description of Activity |
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If more space is required, please attach additional sheets.

**Section IV** **Environmental Essay**

Compose an essay of 700 words or less describing a work experience which helped to improve the environment (volunteer, school, or work related). You may include in this essay such things as your specific area(s) of environmental interest, experiences related to the environment, work you have participated in to improve the environment. In lieu of environment-related work experience, you may describe an environmental issue which interests you based on a review of literature that you perform. If you are writing an essay on an environmental topic that interests you and you base it on a literature review, tailor the essay, if possible, to an environmental issue that is associated with your college major/area of study. For example, if you are considering a major in criminal justice, you may want to consider preparing a research essay on environmental crimes. *Attach this essay to the application on a separate sheet.*

***Guidelines for Assembling Application Package***

1. Complete and submit all pages of the application form.
2. As required for Section II, attach college transcript(s) with the application form or have the transcript(s) submitted separately by the college.
3. As applicable for Section III, attach additional sheet(s) with a summary of your work, extracurricular, community, and volunteer work activities.
4. As required for Section IV, attach a typed environmental essay as a separate sheet.
5. Submit the completed application form and all required attachments, including transcript(s) and the environmental essay, by e-mail to:

Lori Riker

A&WMA-NFS Education Director

e-mail: awmanfs.education@gmail.com

* If you have any questions, please contact Lori Riker by e-mail
* Additional copies of this application can be obtained from the A&WMA-NFS web site at <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>

**The application form and all attachments, including college transcript(s), must be received no later than Friday, April 7, 2023 (midnight).**