

**Operator Scholarship Application Package
for the Genesee Valley Chapter
of the
New York Water Environment Association, Inc.**

The Genesee Valley Chapter of the New York Water Environment Association will be offering up to two (2) scholarships for a total amount of \$2,500:

- Operators employed by municipalities located in the Genesee Valley NYWEA Chapter Service Area (i.e. NYSDEC Region 8).

Please submit your completed application no later than May 31, 2024.

Scholarship Instructions & Criteria for Applicants

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To apply for a scholarship:

1. Fill out all of the pages of the Application. Be sure to type or print neatly. It is very important that you do not leave any blanks.
2. Letter verifying enrollment or acceptance in a college environmental program on college stationary.
3. Attach Letters of Recommendation (two); one must be from a work supervisor.
4. Attach a document showing proof of employment with the municipality.
5. Attach requested essays (two).
6. Submit your completed application no later than May 31, 2024. Awards will be announced on or around August 1st.
7. Additional details are provided on the facing page titled "Scholarship Policy & Procedure".
8. All applicants must be New York State residents and work for a municipality in the Genesee Valley Chapter Service area, which is the same as NYSDEC Region 8.

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Scholarship – Wastewater Operators Pursuing Operator Courses

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be a wastewater operator, as determined by employment title, employed by a municipality within NYSDEC Region 8 in good standing.
- Scholarship winner must show proof of enrollment during the scholarship application year to receive a scholarship check.

Essay Questions

Please complete responses to each of the following questions. Your response to each question should be 500 to 600 words. Please type your responses.

Career Objective Essay: What career choice have you chosen to pursue and how would you positively impact the environment with this career?

Environmental Objective Essay: In recent news there is a rising popularity of "flushable pre-moistened wipes" and "microbeads" which are wreaking havoc on many municipal sewer systems, grinder pumps, and receiving waterbodies. How would you suggest we combat emerging technologies such as these, which create wastewater treatment issues, before the problem arise?

Scholarship Policy and Procedures

1. Applications must be accompanied by:
 - a. A Letter of Recommendation on letterhead from one of the applicant's employment supervisors.
 - b. A Letter of Recommendation from a personal or professional reference.
 - c. Latest Transcript or Report Card.
 - d. Required essays.
2. Applicants shall submit their scholarship application to the Scholarship Committee of the Genesee Valley Chapter for review.
3. To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must meet the criteria outlined in the Instructions for Applicants, listed on the previous pages.
4. Selection Criteria to be considered and evaluated by the Scholarship Committee may include the following:
 - a. Career Objective (Essay): Relevance of career objective to the Environmental field.
 - b. Other Activities: Activities in programs and organizations demonstrating leadership qualities and good environmental stewardship.
 - c. Environmental Interest (Essay): Demonstrates a commitment to pursue an education in the Environmental field of study.
5. The Genesee Valley Chapter Scholarship Committee consists of no less than 3 individuals, as appointed by the Board of Directors. The Scholarship Committee shall nominate applicants for scholarships to the Board of Directors.
6. Once the nominees are accepted by the Scholarship Committee, a minimum of three qualified nominees will be selected by the Scholarship Committee and sent to the Genesee Valley Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then select the winning application based on the Selection Criteria listed above. The President will notify the winning applicant by letter by no later than June 1 of that year.
7. The recipient will be eligible to receive awards in subsequent years, up to a maximum of 2 awards.
8. Winning applicants will be awarded their scholarship by a NYWEA representative at a Local Chapter event.
9. Funds will be released directly to the recipient as soon as an acceptable copy of a receipt for attendance is received.

About the Association

The New York Water Environment Association, Inc. (NYWEA) was founded in 1929, by professionals in the field of water quality as a non-profit, educational organization. Association members helped lead the way toward existing state and national clean water programs. Today, the Association has over 2,200 members representing many diverse backgrounds and specialties, but all are concerned and involved with protecting and enhancing our precious water resources.

Members

Members include civil, design and environmental engineers; biologists, chemists, local and state government officials, treatment plant managers and operators, laboratory technicians, applicants, professors, lawyers, environmental scientists, equipment manufacturers and distributors.

Mission Statement

To provide a forum for educational opportunities, professional development, and dissemination of information to our members, and to increase the public understanding of and promotion of sound public laws and programs in the water environment field.