

Federal Water Quality Association 2014

National Capital Environmental Scholarship Program

What are the Federal Water Quality Association scholarships?

Three scholarships in the amount of *\$2000 each are planned to be awarded in 2014 to encourage young people to prepare for careers in environmental protection by supporting studies leading to a bachelor's degree in applicable sciences or engineering (*depending on funding availability).

Who is eligible to apply? Graduating seniors from high schools in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area and surrounding counties, **planning to pursue environmental careers**. (You must be accepted prior to receiving the award, into a 4-year bachelor's program in an acceptable field of study by an institution of higher learning. Acceptable areas of study: environmental sciences, environmental engineering, biology, chemistry, civil engineering, chemical engineering, or natural resource planning; other environmental areas will also be considered).

How are applications judged? On academic achievement, and above all, the applicant's level of commitment to environmental protection (essay must reflect environmentally-related studies and/or service, leadership, and overall presentation - including emphasis in science courses, relevance of program of study, and sincerity of commitment).

What *MUST* you send besides the application?

- (1) School transcript
- (2) SAT (or ACT) scores
- (3) Reference letter(s), preferably from a science, environmental class/club teacher
- (4) Brief description or list of extra-curricular activities
- (5) Copy of letter of acceptance from a 4-year college, and
- (6) Essay (one-page) on **ONE** of the following topics:
 - a. **How you, yourself have promoted environmental protection and what actions you have taken to promote it.**
 - b. **Why you would like to pursue a career in environmental protection/pollution control; what factors led to your decision; and what you hope to accomplish through a career in this field.**
 - c. **How your choice of extracurricular activities, elective classes, and non-science classes will contribute to your career goals.**

When is the application deadline? Application *MUST* be received by **Monday, April 14, 2014**. Winners will be notified early in May.