



Southwest Florida Branch

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Hello:

I would like to take a moment to introduce you to the Southwest Florida Branch of the American Public Works Association and provide you with a scholarship application that I encourage you to forward to any interested students.

The American Public Works Association is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

The Southwest Florida Branch of the APWA was formed in 1985. Our focus is to provide forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to public attention in local, state, and federal arenas.

Each year the Southwest Florida Branch awards \$500 scholarships to individuals pursuing a career in the public services field. The field of public works is a large and diverse one. Areas of responsibility within Public Works include transportation, utilities, solid waste, emergency management, water resources, snow and ice management, fleet management, parks and recreation and stormwater management. Careers within these fields are diverse as engineers to fiscal managers to heavy equipment operators to water and wastewater plant operators to scientists.

Applicants must be a public works employee, a college undergraduate student, or a high school senior whose principal residence is within Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, or Glades counties. The Southwest Florida Branch awarded scholarship funds may be used at accredited private colleges, state universities or junior colleges, community colleges, vo-techs and APWA academies.

Attached is the scholarship application along with an explanation of the program and the guidelines. Please make your students aware of this opportunity to obtain financial assistance from our organization. Please note that the deadline for applications is April 8, 2011. Award notification is May 1, 2011. If you should have any questions regarding this scholarship, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (239) 985-1211 or e-mail me at nicolemonahan@hmeng.com.

Sincerely,
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

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Enclosures



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THE PROGRAM: The Southwest Florida Branch of the American Public Works Association Ben C. Pratt Scholarship Program is designed to assist those individuals who are pursuing a career in the public works field. Encompassing the disciplines from engineering, operations, maintenance, public administration and continuing education for career education of public agency employees is the goal of the program. This assistance in education promotes and ensures a continuation of the high level of skill, talent, and professionalism, which is the program's objective.

Traditionally for more than 100 years, the American Public Works Association, through its Chapters and Branches, has striven for the advancement and continued development of all of the various components, which make up the public works family. It is incumbent upon the membership of the local Branches to lend a helping hand to those who may choose the public services field as their career. The Scholarship Program is an intricate part of achieving this goal. The Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Program contains three groups of individuals for which a scholarship may be awarded to any person whose principal residence is within the Branches' five county area (Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades).

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Awarded to either a full or part-time employee of a public works agency who is continuing an academic program towards enhancing their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement.

COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Awarded to a college student who has earned at least 30 credit hours through enrollment at any accredited school in the United States, seeking a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Civil Engineering or any public works related field.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Awarded to a senior high school student who will be the recipient of a diploma and has an SAT Score. Student should be pursuing an education in a public works related field.

AWARDED FUND GUIDELINES: Awarded funds shall be used for student fees including, but not limited to, tuition and books. The Southwest Florida Branch awarded scholarship funds may be used at accredited private colleges, state universities or junior colleges, community colleges, vo-techs and APWA academies. Following a review of all the scholarship applications, the finalists will be selected and notified. All selected finalists will receive telephone notice of award. The successful applicant will then be required to notify the Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Chairman within 30 days as to which institute the check is to be paid. Failure to do so by the successful applicant will nullify his or her award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The Southwest Florida Branch will inform each applicant as to the status of his or her application on or before the award deadline. The procedure for applicants who desire to apply for a scholarship is as follows:

A. Obtain an application in any of the following ways:

1. Contact an officer of the American Public Works Association Southwest Florida Branch and request an application.
2. Contact the Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Committee Chairman and request an application.
3. Contact the appropriate guidance counselor at your high school or university and request an application.
4. Contact your Human Resources Director and request an application.



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- B. Complete the three-page scholarship application form and include all requested information. Failure to submit all requested documentation will result in your application being removed from consideration.
- C. Return the completed application by mail to the following address:
- Tracy Quintana
City of Punta Gorda
Public Works Department
326 W. Marion Avenue
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- D. **SUBMITTAL DEADLINE IS APRIL 8, 2011. AWARD NOTIFICATION IS MAY 1, 2011.**



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\$500.00 BEN C. PRATT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The following descriptions are requirements for each of the three categories. *Scholarships are awarded for one year only.* Applicants must apply for award each year. Check the scholarship for which you are eligible.

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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Awarded to a senior high school student who will be the recipient of a diploma and has an SAT Score.

The actual number of scholarships awarded each year is contingent on available Branch funds. The total in each category can vary from year to year with each scholarship now being limited to \$500.00. *Please type or print all information.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security #: XXX-XX-_____
(last 4 digits only) APWA Member: Yes No

If yes, what Branch: _____ Membership #: _____

(For High School Students Only):

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

ACADEMIC DATA

Current University, College or High School: _____

Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ (SAT Score: Math _____ Verbal _____ *(For High School Students Only)*)

Academic Advisor: _____ Advisor Tel. #: (____) _____



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EMPLOYMENT DATA FOR FULL OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES ONLY

Employer: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone: (____) _____
Supervisors Name & Title: _____

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Please list the names and amounts of any other scholarships that you have been awarded and/or applied for:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, Status. Includes three empty rows for data entry.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OR ACTIVITIES

Table with 2 columns: Activity Name, Description of your level of activity. Includes two empty rows for data entry.

APPLICANT ESSAY

Please prepare a double-spaced, typewritten essay (approximately two paragraphs) that answers the following: How I became interested in the public works field; what type of public works career currently interests me and why. Upon graduation, how do I envision putting my education to use (e.g., as designer, working for a consulting firm or government agency, teaching, utility, corporation, etc.).

REFERENCES

Please attach up to three personal reference letters from supervisors, teachers, employers, pastors or other adults who are familiar with you.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Should you have additional information not requested in this application but which you would like the Scholarship Review Committee to consider, please attach an additional typewritten page with this information. It is not required that you supply additional information; you will not be penalized for not submitting additional information.

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Signature

Date