

2025 Scholarship Program

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Purpose

The Water Environment Association of Ontario Scholarship Program was established in 2007 to promote student awareness of, and recognize outstanding students in, the water quality field in Ontario. The scholarships support promising students who are pursuing careers that protect water quality, including wastewater treatment and watershed management.

Originally formed in 1933 as the Canadian Institute on Sewage and Sanitation, the Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization with 1500 members representing water quality professionals in Ontario.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be attending an Ontario college or university on a full-time basis,
- be a member of the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and/or Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO), and
- not have received the scholarship previously.

Entry Requirements

Applicants **must** submit:

- a completed application form,
- two (2) completed Reference Forms, one from a current or previous professor **and** one from an employer in a relevant area.
- an essay of up to 500 words, typed using word processing software, describing a technical issue related to wastewater treatment and/or water pollution control that in the opinion of the applicant is important for the protection of water quality in Ontario. The essay should make reference to relevant examples, where appropriate, and state how the applicant's chosen field of study and planned career path may help address the issue or problem. Cite all references (see FAQ for details).

Timeline for Submission

Completed applications must be received no later than **October 31, 2025**. The recipient will be notified in November 2025 and will be publicly recognized in the spring 2026 issue of *Influents* magazine and at the WEAO Annual Conference & OPCEA Exhibition.

Support Provided

The scholarship will include four (4) awards. There will be one (1) award of \$2,000 and three (3) awards of \$1,000 each. One award is reserved for a college student and one award is reserved for a university student.

Selection Criteria

A Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate the applicants. They will select the recipients based on the quality of the applicant's essay (60%) and Reference Forms from professor and employer (20% each). Recipients will be informed by mail and telephone.

Submission and Questions

The application and all required attachments should be emailed in a single PDF file (<10 MB) to scholarship@weaocommittee.org. Any questions about the scholarship can be directed to the same email address. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are posted on the scholarship website: www.weao.org/resources.