The West Coast Branch of The Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association Scholarship Program is designed to assist those individuals who are pursuing a career in the public works field. Encompassing disciplines from engineering or public administration, or continuing education for career enhancement of public agency employees is the philosophy of the Association. This assistance in education promotes and ensures a continuation of the high level of skill, talent, and professionalism that is the pride of every member.

Traditionally, for more than one hundred years, the American Public Works Association and its Chapters have striven for the advancement and continued development of all of the various components that make up the Public Works family. It is incumbent upon the membership of the Florida Chapter to lend a helping hand to those who have chosen the public services field as their career. The Scholarship Program is an intricate part of achieving this goal.

The WCB of the Florida Chapter Scholarship Program contains five (5) categories in which scholarships are awarded:

1. CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Awarded to a full or part-time employee of a public works agency who, within the 2012 calendar year, has successfully completed formal training to enhance their professional development for public works employment or advancement opportunities. Examples of training include (but not limited to): heavy equipment certification; Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association courses; CDL; and entry level college courses. Documentation of successful completion of the training must be submitted with scholarship application.

2. PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY PROGRAM: Awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled or is considering enrollment into a public works academy program to enhance their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement.

3. PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY: Awarded to either a full or a 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. This can include tuition for the Public Works Institute through the Florida Chapter.

4. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM: Awarded to a college student who has earned at least 60 credit hours through enrollment at any accredited school in the State of Florida, seeking a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Civil Engineering or any public works related field.

5. GRADUATE PROGRAM: Awarded to a person pursuing an advanced degree in Public Works Engineering, Management, Public Administration, or any public works related field at any accredited school in the State of Florida.
AWARDED FUND GUIDELINES

The Scholarship Program awarded scholarship funds shall be used at accredited private colleges, state universities, technical schools, or junior colleges. Amounts are determined each year by the Executive Committee.

Awarded scholarship funds shall be used for student fees including, but not limited to, tuition and books at any accredited school in the State of Florida.

Scholarship recipients shall furnish receipts to the scholarship committee, upon request, validating the proper usage of funds. Failure to furnish proper receipts or spending the funds on unapproved items will result in the applicant being ineligible for any further funding.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Scholarship Committee will inform each applicant, prior to the Branch Annual Meeting and Banquet, as to the status of their application and the date the scholarship will be awarded. SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE PRESENTED IN CATEGORIES AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The process for applicants who desire to apply for scholarships is as follows:

A) Complete the application and include all requested information. Incomplete applications, application that do not include requested supporting documentation, and applications not received by the submittal deadline will not be considered for award.

B) Return the application to the West Coast Branch of The Florida Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairman:

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C) Submittal Deadline is February 22, 2013. The Scholarship Application, and requested information, must be received no later than February 22, 2013 in order to be considered for award.
Scholarship categories are described below. Scholarships are awarded for one year only. Applicants must apply for award each year. The actual number of scholarships awarded each year is contingent upon available funds. The total in each category may vary from year to year with each scholarship limit amount established up to $1,000.00. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST ATTEND THE APWA AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET TO RECEIVE AWARD. The Scholarship Chairman shall conduct the presentation of this scholarship award at the West Coast Branch Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida March 13, 2013. Please type or print all requested information on the application form. Submittal Deadline is February 22, 2013.

Please check the appropriate scholarship category for which you are eligible:

- [ ] CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
- [ ] PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY PROGRAM
- [ ] PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
- [ ] UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM: The applicant must provide a copy of their official transcript from an accredited college/university with this application.
- [ ] GRADUATE PROGRAM: The applicant must provide a copy of their official transcript from an accredited college/university with this application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________ Social Security Number: __________

Telephone/Cell Number (daytime contact): __________________________________________________________________________ Email Address: __________ Date of Birth: __________

Are you a member of APWA: Yes______ NO______

If yes, what Branch: __________________________ Membership Number: __________________________

Estimated percentage of educational costs you personally earn and pay for: ______% ______% ______% ______% ______%

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Current Employer: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________ Job Title: __________________________

Supervisor’s Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________ Telephone/Cell Number: __________

ACADEMIC DATA

Current University / College: ____________________________________________________________________________

Major: __________________________________________________________________________________________ GPA: __________

Anticipated Graduation Date: __________ GPA: __________

Academic Advisor: __________________________________________________________________________________ Telephone Number: __________

Please provide prior scholarships awarded to you: Name __________________________ Amount: __________
