

**AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
WEST SLOPE CHAPTER**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The West Slope Chapter of the American Public Works Association's (APWA) Scholarship Program is directed towards *high school/college students who are considering a career in public works AND continuing education for those individuals already employed in the public works field. Acceptable degrees/programs of study are **Biology (emphasis in public sector), Civil Engineering, Drafting, Environmental, Construction Management, Construction Inspection, Landscape Architecture, Structural Engineering, Geology, G.I.S./Data Management, Vo-Tech/Trade School, Surveying, Public Administration, Traffic Engineering.** In general it consists of all applicants preparing an essay, job shadowing in an area of the public works field, and then receiving a grant to enter into a curriculum at a Colorado University, college or vocational school.*

The West Slope Chapter will award the following scholarships.

**Horizon Scholarships and (2) Memorial Scholarships in varying amounts*
(Grand total of all scholarships not to exceed \$8,000)**

*The West Slope Chapter reserves the right to modify/change number of scholarships and amounts awarded depending upon application pool.

Following is a detailed description of the program as well as the selection criteria.

1. Senior high school/college student with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Vocational applicants must be in good standing in their educational program.
2. Complete an essay on why the field of public works is of interest as a career path to the student and what the student can contribute to the public works profession. The essay must be typed, double spaced, and at least 250 words but not more than 400. The essay must be signed by their counselor. Also, two recommendation letters must accompany the essay. Of the two letters, one shall be from a teacher and the other from a personal acquaintance who is not a family member (this may be a current employer or personal/family friend over the age of 25). Applicants already employed in the public works field shall submit a letter of recommendation from their employer and another acquaintance.
3. Candidates must be enrolled in any public works related curriculum at any college, university or vocational school within the State of Colorado, beginning the fall semester of 2017
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4. Candidates must be West Slope residents.
5. Candidates must complete the application form.
6. The West Slope board members will choose scholarship recipients based on essays/application.

7. The West Slope Chapter would like to track the recipients to see where their career takes them. Each year, the recipients are encouraged to report back to the West Slope Board to give updates.
8. Job Shadowing – After being selected, students will be responsible to contact at least two (2) professionals representing the three areas of public works; local government, private consulting, or construction. These professionals may be from the field of engineering, business, architecture, biology, chemistry, construction management, finance, accounting, or other public works related fields. The student will be required to contact at least (2) individuals and schedule a time to shadow them for a half a day each. Transportation to and from the work place, along with any meals, will be the responsibility of the student. To verify that the student has completed the job shadowing, the student must obtain a signature from at least two (2) professionals on the attached form. Alternatives to job shadowing would be internships and summer employment in an area of public works.
9. Scholarship recipients will be assigned a “local” representative from the West Slope Board. Your representative can be called upon if you have any questions or need assistance in lining up job shadow contacts. **By August 1st, “shadow forms” will need to be faxed to the West Slope Board at (970) 479-2166, along with student ID number and school payment address.** Scholarship money will be disbursed at the beginning of the fall semester.
10. Scholarship program deadlines:
 - **March 15, 2017 – applications/essay/letters of recommendation due and submitted to:**
 - Susie Hervert
 - APWA West Slope
 - Town of Vail Public Works Department
 - 1309 Elkhorn Drive
 - Vail, CO 81657
 - (970) 479-2444
 - (970) 479-2166 (fax)
 - Email address: shervert@vailgov.com
 - **March 29, 2017 – board members to select scholarship recipients. Scholarship notification letters will be sent out following selection.**
 - **April , 2017 - scholarship winners will be formally presented with their award at the Annual Road and Street Maintenance Conference, held at the Clarion Inn, Grand Junction.**
 - **August 1, 2017 – job shadow to be completed. Shadow form and school payment information faxed to Susie Hervert.**

WEST SLOPE APWA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print legibly)

Student's Name: _____ High School: _____
(If Applicable)

Student's Home Address: _____

phone: _____
email: _____

Length of residency in West Slope region: _____

Student's College Address: _____
(If applicable)

phone: _____
email: _____

College/University/Vocational School: _____
(Current or anticipated)

Program being studied: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Current GPA: _____

Nominated By (optional) _____
(APWA member)



January 23, 2017

TO: APWA West Slope Members/West Slope High Schools
FROM: Susie Hervert
APWA West Slope Scholarship Coordinator
RE: West Slope APWA Scholarship Program

Attached you will find information regarding the West Slope APWA Scholarship Program and all applicable forms needed for submission. The Colorado Chapter will be awarding scholarships on the Front Range and the West Slope Chapter will be awarding to West Slope recipients.

The purpose of this letter is to enlist your help in introducing this program to interested high school, college, vocational and continuing education students you may know of in your area. You are encouraged to go to your local high schools and talk to teachers, counselors, students and parents about careers in the public works industry. Please pass out the attached material to interested individuals and stress the deadline date for submission.

The West Slope Chapter is excited about the scholarship program and hope the efforts of our members will guide students toward a career in public works. Please call or email the West Slope Board Rep, Susie Hervert, if you have any questions at (970) 479-2444 or shervert@vailgov.com.

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