



Dr. Raymond M. Manganelli Memorial Scholarship Awards Program

The New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA) Scholarship Awards Program is named in honor of Dr. Raymond M. Manganelli, former Professor of Environmental Science at Rutgers University, and former Chair of the Association's Student Programs and Scholarship Awards Committees. The 16 named NJWEA scholarship awards of \$3,000 each are available each year, totaling \$48,000 annually. In addition, the 3 regional (North, Central, and South) sections of the NJWEA offer 12 scholarships totaling \$26,000. There are also 5 James DeBlock Operator Training Scholarships (\$1,000 each). Thus, in total, the NJWEA offers 33 awards with an annual value of \$79,000. Individual awards are intended for graduate students, undergraduate students (including those attending county colleges), students at technical schools, and/or high school seniors.

Objectives of the Awards

These awards are intended to further support, recognize, and encourage highly capable individuals to continue studies in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, and related fields, and in some cases other fields with application to environmental protection. The requirements for each award are listed below, and also on the application forms.

Application Procedures

There are separate application procedures, deadlines, and scholarship committees for the NJWEA statewide awards, the awards presented by the 3 sections, and the operator training awards. Please see the NJWEA website at www.njwea.org for the latest information. Links to all the scholarship details and application forms are available at https://njwea.org/scholarship_awards_committee.php.

Deadline for Submission of State Applications each year is typically around March 1, with awards announced in mid-April and presented at the Annual Conference in Atlantic City in early May. Section Awards have other deadlines and are presented at ceremonies scheduled by each Section.

Questions?

If you still have questions after reviewing the application forms and this brochure, for the State Awards, please contact: Dr. Peter F. Strom, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University, Chair, NJWEA Scholarship Committee, pstrom@njwea.org. For applications and contact information on the Section Scholarship Awards, please check the links at https://njwea.org/scholarship_awards_committee.php.

General Guidelines for NJWEA State Scholarship Awards

(Section award applicants should follow the separate instructions for those specific awards)

Awards are based on academic performance, merit, and demonstrated interest in the environment.

Individuals must be currently enrolled in High School (Soporowski Award) or a degree program in an appropriate field for the award they are seeking. Awards are for the current school year.

Registration must be as a full-time student for the Van der Vliet, Seid, Jenkins, Bigler, Paluch, and Zablatzky Awards, but part-time students will also be considered for the other awards.

Enrollment must be in a New Jersey High School or an appropriate program in a New Jersey College or University, or in an out-of-state College or University if the individual is a legal resident of New Jersey.

Materials to Submit with Your Application:

- Completed application form.
- Official Transcript (sent directly from school).
- Any other materials that you think may help the Committee decide that you are the best candidate for the award. Typically, this might include a cover letter or personal statement, a letter of recommendation, and a resume or curriculum vita. It may also include abstracts of publication, newspaper clippings, or other samples of work or activities. Letters of recommendation preferably should be confidential (emailed directly from the writer), while other materials should be uploaded in the application form.

It is the NJWEA's intention to select as winners the most highly qualified applicant for each award, as determined at the sole discretion of its Scholarship Awards Committee.

Please Note: This information is for State awards only; application instructions and forms for North, Central, and South Section awards can be found at https://njwea.org/scholarship_awards_committee.php, and must be sent to the individual Section Award Committee as indicated there. Failure to do so may cause you to miss the Section deadline.

For NJWEA Student Membership Information and an application, please contact:

Brian Valliere, Chair Membership Committee, bvalliere@mendhamnj.org
NJWEA Office: P.O. Box 737, Woodland Park, N.J. 07424; (973)239-9200, Fax (973) 239-9239

The New Jersey Water Environment Association is a professional non-profit incorporated educational organization dedicated, since 1915, to the preservation and enhancement of the water environment.

The diverse NJWEA membership includes college professors, scientists, engineers, students, professional employees, environmental consultants, environmental interest groups, accountants, attorneys, municipal/county/state/ federal government officials, administrators and concerned citizens.

Some of NJWEA's other educational activities include its library and audio-visual collection endowed at Rutgers University, operator training programs, annual conferences, seminars, and guest lectures.

NJWEA Statewide Scholarship Awards for Current Students

(\$3,000 Each)

Awards for Graduate Students

John J. Lagrosa Award: Students currently in a Ph.D. Program in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, or a closely related field.

Louis Fontenelli Award: Students currently in a Masters Degree program in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, or a closely related field.

Kenneth S. Stoller Award: Students currently in a Masters or Ph.D. Program specializing in Hazardous Wastes.

Awards for Graduate and Undergraduate Students

Robert Shaw Award: Any NJWEA Member-Operator pursuing a relevant degree.

Jeanne C. Decker Award: Open to majors in the fields of: Economics, Business or Public Administration, Computer Science or Finance with an interest in the environmental field.

Joseph F. Bonaccorso Award: This award is intended to support the effort of a qualified student to become a K-12 teacher of the Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Engineering or Environmental). The individual may be matriculated in a degree program, or a qualified degreed person pursuing Teaching Certification via an "Alternate Route" process.

Awards for Undergraduate Students (Juniors and Seniors)

Henry van der Vliet Award: Environmental Science major at the Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences.

Sol Seid Award: Any other qualified science or engineering major at Rutgers University.

Dick Jenkins Award: Environmental Science or Environmental Engineering major at Princeton University nominated by the faculty.

Daniel E. Bigler Award: Any qualified science or engineering major outside of Rutgers.

Herman Zablatzky Award: This award, sponsored by longtime friend of the NJWEA Rich Taylor of Rapid Pump and Meter, is for a major in the Natural Sciences (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Environmental). The student must be a resident of New Jersey and attending a school other than Rutgers.

Jim Paluch Award: This Award is for a student at a school other than Rutgers or Princeton in a Civil or Environmental Engineering Undergraduate Program.

Awards for Undergraduate Students at a New Jersey 2-yr College majoring in a technical field related to the environment

Father Boniface Cronin Award: Students residing in the North Section region of the NJWEA.

Michel S. Kachorsky Award: Students residing in the Central Section region of the NJWEA.

William H. Higgins Award: Students residing in the South Section region of the NJWEA.

Award for a New Jersey High School Senior

Dr. Joseph J. Soporowski, Jr. Award: Student accepted into an undergraduate program and who has shown an interest in the environmental field. Preference is given to students who have completed an Advanced Placement or college credit science course. (Note: this award uses a separate application form.)