SWANA 2019
GRANT H. FLINT INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

CATEGORY II –
College/University
Juniors & Seniors Studying a Field Related to Solid Waste Management
Dear College Junior or Senior:

Hello and thank you for your interest in SWANA’s *Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program*. These annual scholarships were named for the individual in Southern California who was the driving force in the formation of the Solid Waste Association of North America.

SWANA is a professional association for more than 10,000 members who work in solid waste management. That industry is far advanced from the old stereotypes of “garbage men.” Our members include men and women working as engineers, scientists, business and sales professionals, safety specialists, experts in communications, marketing and policy, and on the front line of collection and operations, all of whom help address the critical job of managing solid waste as a resource.

To be eligible to apply for SWANA’s Category II Scholarship, worth $5,000, you must:

- Be enrolled full-time in college or university
- Be entering your junior or senior year of undergraduate studies
- Pursuing a degree in environmental science, environmental studies, engineering or a major related to or applicable to the field of solid waste management. SWANA’s membership is diverse and we encourage you to consider how your selected area of study might lead you into our professional ranks.
- Be a SWANA Student Member. This is free to full-time students and you can join by visiting [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org).

Complete the application for a Category II Scholarship provided on the following pages. **Applications are due to your Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair by May 1, 2019.** Chapters can award local scholarships and are also responsible for sending a single chapter nomination for the $5,000 Category II (College/University Junior or Senior) Scholarship to SWANA by June 1, 2019. SWANA’s awards will be announced during summer 2019.

If you live in a geographic area outside a current SWANA chapter, please complete this application and send it directly to Sara Bixby in her role as SWANA’s Staff Scholarship Administrator by May 1, 2019. You can find SWANA chapters at [https://swana.org/Membership/Chapters/Chaptercontacts.aspx](https://swana.org/Membership/Chapters/Chaptercontacts.aspx).

For more information, email Sara Bixby at [sbixby@swana.org](mailto:sbixby@swana.org). We look forward to receiving your application. Best of luck as you continue your education.

Sincerely,

Charles Weidner          Sara Bixby  
Chair, SWANA Scholarship Committee  Deputy Executive Director, SWANA
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CATEGORY II APPLICATION INFORMATION

I. AWARDS:
SWANA intends to give a Category II award of $5,000 to a rising college/university junior or senior each year. Depending on the number and quality of applications, SWANA reserves the right to give more or fewer awards in this category and to adjust the number of awards in its other scholarship categories.

II. ELIGIBILITY:
To be eligible to apply for SWANA’s Category II Scholarship, worth $5,000, you must satisfy all the following requirements:

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- Be a SWANA Student Member. This is free to full-time students and you can join by visiting www.swana.org. This requirement replaces the need for a SWANA member to be your sponsor.

SWANA employees and family members are not eligible to apply. Beyond those exceptions, SWANA pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to this program, regardless of race, color, age, sex, marital or veteran status, creed, religion, or disability.

III. DEADLINES:

- **May 1** - All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by your Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair.
  - Geographically located outside a chapter, send your completed application directly to Sara Bixby in her role as SWANA’s Staff Scholarship Administrator by May 1, 2019.

- **June 1** – Chapters forward their nomination for the SWANA Grant H. Flint Scholarship Category II Scholarship to headquarters for distribution to the International Scholarship Committee.

- **July/August** - International Scholarship winners are announced.

IV. CRITERIA:
The International Scholarship Committee evaluates the Grant H. Flint Category II Scholarship applications on the following basis:
A. **Academics = 30%**

The Committee looks at your current Grade Point Average. If your school doesn’t use the GPA, provide your current overall grade and a description of the school’s standardized grading system. Your college/university registrar must provide a copy of your current transcripts to support evaluation of this criterion. See more on this below.

B. **Other Activities = 20%**

Factors considered as Other Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Research internships and assistantships
- Military service
- Student organization participation
- Volunteer activities

C. **Relation of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50%**

The Committee will consider your current and completed courses as well as the content of a one-page essay relating the courses to some aspect of solid waste management systems.

D. **Need**

Although it is not a weighted factor, the Committee can take financial need into consideration during its deliberation.

In addition to these criteria, an application will be disqualified if it:

- Does not meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the application to the Chapter or Staff Scholarship Administrator
- Does not provide all required supporting documentation or the one-page essay
- Is not legible
- Is not signed by the applicant where indicated

V. **QUESTIONS:**

We realize there may be questions that aren’t answered by this overview. Please direct your questions to your **Chapter's Scholarship Chairperson** or **SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator**, Sara Bixby at sbixby@swana.org.
## Applicant’s Information

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## College/University Information

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How does your major relate to a career in the solid waste industry?
3 Academics

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Additional documentation: Your college/university registrar (or similar official) must send the following information directly to the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair or for at-large applicants to the SWANA Staff Scholarship Administrator:

- Current grade average
- A copy of your college/university transcripts

Any of this documentation provided directly by the applicant will be considered invalid, except in extreme cases where written permission is granted in advance by the SWANA Staff Scholarship Administrator. All documentation must be received by the May 1 deadline.

6 Essay Question

Please attach a one-page essay about the way in which your course work and overall studies will contribute to improving the management of waste as a resource and to addressing an environmental issue currently in the news.

7 Financial Need

Please attach a short statement of your financial need, listing any other scholarships or educational funding awarded to-date to offset your tuition and related expenses. If applicable (U.S. students), attach a copy of your Free Application for Financial Student Aid Student Assessment Report.

Signature of Applicant

Date
**CATEGORY II**

*Description of Completed Courses Related to Solid Waste Management*

Please provide the course title, credit hours, grade earned, and up to a 25-word description of your course work that relates to solid waste management and/or a career in the industry. Copy the page if you need more space.

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Current or Completed internships and Assistantships

Provide enough information that Committee members can understand the nature of the work you completed and its relevance to solid waste management, but please limit your description to no more than 250 words. Copy the page if you need more space.

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**CATEGORY II**
*Military Service, Student Organizations, Volunteer Experience, Employment*

Provide enough information that Committee members can understand your participation and any professional or life lessons. Keep it brief and copy the page if you need more space.

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