



CATEGORY 3

Graduate Student





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May 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

The Southern New England (SNE) Chapter of SWANA is announcing the availability of scholarship awards for current high school students, undergraduates, graduate students, or young professionals.

### **SNE SWANA Chapter Awards (Stephen Parker Local Chapter Program)**

The SNE SWANA Chapter scholarship awards are offered in remembrance of Stephen Parker, a founding member of the Northern New England SWANA Chapter and long-term member of the SWANA International Board of Directors. The SNE SWANA Chapter offers scholarships to eligible student members, and the children and grandchildren of active members on an annual basis. The SNE SWANA Chapter also accepts Young Professional (YP) applications for professionals who have graduated from college within the past five years and are current SWANA members. Eligible candidate categories for SNE SWANA Chapter scholarships are described below.

- **Category I:** high school senior entering junior or four-year college/university – any field of study. Must have a SWANA member as a sponsor.
- **Category II:** university junior or senior studying something that has potential for a career in solid waste management. Please note that this is not strictly a science and engineering requirement. The applicant must have a SWANA member as a sponsor or be a SWANA student member or a qualifying SWANA member.
- **Category III:** full-time graduate student (entering or current graduate students) studying environmental science or studies, engineering or other major applicable to the field of solid waste or resource management. The applicant must have a SWANA member as a sponsor or be a SWANA student member or a qualifying SWANA member.
- **Category IV:** Young Professional who have graduated from college within the past five years, who are engaged in a career related to the solid waste industry (i.e., engineering, environmental science, etc.), and are a current SWANA member. A "Young Professional" is defined as an individual in the solid waste industry 35 or younger.

Each applicant will only be submitting one application. To be eligible for the SNE SWANA Chapter Scholarship, program applications must be submitted to the SNE Chapter Scholarship Committee on or before **July 1, 2025**. Applications for SNE Chapter scholarships received after the July 1 deadline will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The number of scholarships and award amounts available are



approved by the SNE Chapter Board of Directors based on the recommendations of the SNE Chapter Scholarship Committee; however, the minimum award for any scholarship meeting minimum standards will be \$500.

#### Scholarship Award Winners

SNE SWANA Chapter scholarship winners will be announced at the annual SNE SWANA Scholarship Golf Tournament scheduled for August 11, 2025, at the LeBaron Hills Country Club in Lakeville, Massachusetts. Please refer to the Southern New England SWANA Chapter website for relevant information and updates for this event: [www.sneswana.org](http://www.sneswana.org). Winners will be invited to receive the awards in person at the golf event.

All application documents should be submitted electronically (preferred) to Katie Scott at [kscott2@brwncald.com](mailto:kscott2@brwncald.com) or mailed directly to:

Katie Scott  
Scholarship Committee Chair  
Southern New England Chapter of SWANA  
% Brown and Caldwell  
200 Brickstone Square  
Suite 403  
Andover, Massachusetts 01810

You may also contact Katie Scott about any questions related to applications.

# Application Information



## I. AWARDS:

## II. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply for the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship, you must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Be a full-time student entering or already in graduate school for the period of time the scholarship will be used
- Be pursuing a degree in environmental science, environmental studies, engineering, or other major applicable to the field of solid waste or resource management.
- SWANA Sponsor—you can satisfy this in one of two ways:
  - » Become a SWANA Student Member. This is free to full-time students and you can join by visiting [SWANA.org/community/membership/student-membership](https://www.swana.org/community/membership/student-membership). This also provides you access to other SWANA benefits OR
  - » **Be the natural, adopted, or step child or grandchild of a SWANA member in good standing who will act as your Sponsor.**

SWANA employees and their family members are not eligible to apply. Beyond those exceptions, SWANA commits that all eligible persons shall have equal access to this program.

**Deadlines:**

**REFER TO SCHOLARSHIP LETTER**

## CRITERIA:

The Scholarship Committee evaluates the ; Scholarship applications as follows:

### A. Academics = 30%

SWANA's Scholarship Committee considers past academic performance an important selection criterion. Your application must provide enough information to allow the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your academic performance.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a transcript of your college/university transcripts through the conclusion of the most recent period (quarter, trimester, semester).
- **REQUIRED:** Provide a copy of your acceptance letter to graduate school if this will be your first year attending that school.
- **REQUIRED:** Identify any degrees currently held and provide graduation verification.

An official, unofficial, or PDF copy of your transcript is **required to be attached to the application you provide to the Chapter or SWANA**. The transcript must provide marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance when measured on the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0 scale). An example of one possible measure satisfying this request for US based students is grade point average (GPA). SWANA acknowledges that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures **documented by the transcript**.

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International graduates attending school in the United States and Canada can ask their current school for copies of foreign transcripts/academic records and graduate verification as this may help simplify and speed the process of gaining access. If you must contact your prior university for material, be sure to allow sufficient time to receive a response (may take several weeks).

- **OPTIONAL:** Attach documentation of any other college/university-level **academic performance, awards or recognition**, and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider.

## B. Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 60%

The Committee will consider your current and completed courses, advisor/professor input, and your completed essay in its evaluations.

- **REQUIRED:** Complete and sign the form that asks for additional information about coursework related to solid waste management and/or a potential career in the industry.
- **REQUIRED:** Please have your faculty advisory or a key professor in your studies related to solid waste management provide a one-page letter that discusses your academic performance.
- **REQUIRED:** If involved in a research program or an internship/assistantship, please have your faculty advisor provide documentation regarding the nature of the project and your participation and performance.
- **REQUIRED:** Write a one-page, original essay about the topic identified in Question 3. SWANA considers each essay for its potential as a blog post on social media, regardless of selection for a scholarship.
- **OPTIONAL:** Include links to published articles or a short bibliography, if applicable. Large data files transmitting full copies of books and papers are specifically discouraged and add less to the Committee's review than a succinct summary or link

## C. Other Activities = 10%

Other Activities are activities and programs that can be connected with your studies (research, internships, assistantships), associated with school (participation student organizations), or entirely unrelated (volunteer activities, military service, employment).

- **REQUIRED:** Complete and sign or verify the forms that ask for information about your Other Activities.
- **OPTIONAL:** Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.
- **OPTIONAL:** Attach a current copy of your resume.

## D. Financial Need—not weighted

**OPTIONAL:** Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration. ***Please do not attach forms that contain confidential personal information.***

## E. Disqualification

Applying is not a guarantee of funding. The Scholarship Committee may disqualify an application for any of the following reasons:

- Applicant fails to meet the deadline for submitting the application to the Chapter
- Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the coming semester
- Application does not provide all REQUIRED supporting documentation and letters
- Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person
- Application is not legible or signed by the applicant where indicated

# Application Information



## 1. Applicant Information

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First Name	Last Name		
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Mailing Address

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City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country
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Phone	Email Address
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SWANA Member #	Chapter Affiliation
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SWANA Sponsor Name (if applicable)	Sponsor #
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## 2. Academics = 30%

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Degree	Major
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School	Year
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Graduate School Attending With Scholarship

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Department Address	Telephone
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Area of Study (Please list advanced degree obtaining: ex. MS/PhD)	Expected Graduation (MM/YY)
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### Required

- A copy of college/university transcripts through the conclusion of the most recent period.
- Graduation verification for schools from which degrees are reported attached.
- A copy of your acceptance letter to graduate school if this will be your first year attending that school.

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### 3. Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 60%

**Required: All three items must be included with your application.**

- Complete and sign or verify the forms that ask for additional information about coursework, internships, and research related to solid waste management and/or a potential career in the industry.
- Attach a letter about your academic performance from your faculty advisor or key professor in your studies related to solid waste management.
- Attach a one-page, original essay about the way in which you, as a result of your studies, intend to contribute to improving the management of waste as a resource or to addressing an environmental issue related to solid waste. Note this essay is NOT a recitation of your classwork; it is a short description of your intentions and aspirations.

#### Optional/If Available

- If involved in a research program or an internship/assistantship, please have your faculty advisor provide documentation regarding the nature of the project and your performance.
- Provide links to published articles or a short bibliography. Large data files transmitting full copies of books and papers are specifically not required and add less to the Committee's review than a succinct summary or link.

### 4. Other Activities = 10%

#### Required

- Complete and sign or verify the forms that asks for information about your Other Activities. If you do not participate in Other Activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.

#### Optional/If Available

- Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application.
- Attach a current copy of your resume.

### 5. Financial Need—Not weighted

You may attach a short statement of your financial need, describing how this scholarship will help offset tuition and related expenses and listing any other scholarships or educational funding received to-date. Please do not attach forms or other documented containing confidential personal information.

### 6. Signature

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Signature of Applicant Date

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Signature of sponsor other than the applicant, if applicable Date

# Completed Course(s) List



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 or resource management and/or a career in the industry. Copy the page if you need more space.

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Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
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Description

I verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.



# Internships/Assistantships



Provide enough information to allow the Committee to what you did and its relevance to solid waste or resource management. Please limit your description to no more than 250 words. Copy the page as needed to address additional internships and assistantships.

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Internship/Assistantship

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Supervisor's Name Title

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Phone Email

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Description

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Internship/Assistantship

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Supervisor's Name Title

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Description

I verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

# Research Efforts



Please describe the nature and purpose, research protocol, schedule status, results to date, any anticipated practical application, and any publications resulting from your current and/or completed research project(s). ***Certify each description and provide the name of your faculty advisor/supervisor for each.***

I verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

# Other Activities



Other activities are activities and programs that can be connected with your studies, school participation, or entirely unrelated (volunteer activities, military service, employment). Provide enough information that Committee members can understand your participation. Keep it brief and copy the page if you need more space.

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Activity

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Duration & Frequency

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How did you participate

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# Checklist



Have you filled out and attached the following documents to complete your scholarship application:

## Required

- College/university transcripts and graduation verifications
- Letter(s) from your faculty advisor or key professor
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 3
- All forms

## Optional/If Available

- Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors
- Any other material you wish the Committee to consider
- Resume

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**Return your completed application to your Chapter Scholarship Chair**