



CATEGORY 2

**College/University Juniors & Seniors Studying
Fields in Solid Waste or Resource Management**





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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. 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 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:

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II. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply for SWANA's Category II Scholarship, you must satisfy all the following requirements:

- Be enrolled full-time in college or university for the period of time the scholarship will be used
- Be entering your junior or senior year of undergraduate studies
- Be pursuing a degree in an environmental science or studies area, engineering, business, etc.
- 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 stepchild, 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

III. 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 up to the conclusion of the most recent period (quarter, trimester, semester).

An official, unofficial, or PDF copy of your transcript is required to be attached *to the application sent to the Chapter and forwarded to 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**.

- **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.

Application Information

B. Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50%

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

- **REQUIRED:** Complete the form that asks for additional information about coursework related to solid waste or resource 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 or resource management provide a one-page letter that discusses your academic performance.
- **REQUIRED:** Write a one-page, original essay about the topic identified in Question 4. SWANA considers each essay for its potential as a blog post on social media, regardless of selection for a Scholarship.

C. Other Activities = 20%

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 the forms that ask for information about your other activities.
- **OPTIONAL:** Attach a current copy of your resume.

Describe what you did and how often you participated. Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.

D. Financial Need—not weighted

- **OPTIONAL:** Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration. Some chapters may also consider financial need in their review of applications. 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 _____ 1 deadline for submitting the application to the Chapter _____
- Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the coming semester
- Applicant does not provide all REQUIRED supporting documentation
- Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person
- Application is not legible
- Application is not signed or certified by the applicant in each spot indicated.

Application Information

1. Applicant Information

First Name	Last Name
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Mailing Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Phone	Email Address
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SWANA Member # (Self or qualifying family member)	Chapter Affiliation
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2. College/University Information

Name of School

Mailing Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Faculty Advisor Name	Phone	Email
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Major

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

3. Academics = 30%

Required:

- Attach a copy of your college/university transcripts through the conclusion of the most recent period (quarter, trimester, semester). To aid the Committee's review, indicate your cumulative mark or grade point average here and identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0 scale), if applicable.

Applicant's GPA or cumulative score	Maximum in the scoring/scale used
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Optional:

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

Application Information

4. Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50%

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

- Complete and sign or verify the forms that ask for additional information about coursework and internships 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 how you want your career to contribute to improving the management of waste as a resource or to addressing an environmental issue related to solid waste that is currently in the news.

5. Other Activities = 20%

Required:

- Complete and sign or verify the form that asks for information about your Other Activities. Attach documentation and/ or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you do not participate in Other Activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.

Optional:

- Attach a current copy of your resume.

6. Financial Need

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.

7. Signatures

Signature of Applicant

Date

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

Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
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Description

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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 management. Please limit your description to no more than 250 words. Copy the page as needed to address additional internships and assistantships.

Internship/Assistantship

Supervisor's Name Title

Phone Email

Description

Internship/Assistantship

Supervisor's Name Title

Phone Email

Description

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.

Activity

Duration & Frequency

How did you participate

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

Checklist

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

Required

- College/university transcript
- Letter from your faculty advisor or key professor
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 4
- All forms

Applicant Specific

- Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors

Optional/If Available

- Resume
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Return your completed application to your Chapter Scholarship Chair