

## Scholarship Research Paper Instructions

Submit a research paper of between 700 and 1000 words describing **what people can do to protect the waters of their communities**.

The goal of this requirement is for applicants to **learn** more about how they can protect our environment through research and then demonstrate what they learned through the paper they write. Applicants should strive to select one or two related topics and present their information to a reasonable depth of understanding rather than referencing many different topics with little depth. Paper topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Water-Saving Plumbing Fixtures
- Rain Barrels
- Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals
- Proper disposal of oil or batteries
- Proper disposal of mercury thermometers
- Green infrastructure
- Permeable pavement
- Green roofs
- Cisterns
- Bio-retention wetland areas
- Storm water abatement

Applicants are expected to do research on their topic, and present their information in an organized format including an introduction, section titles and a conclusion. All information that is learned or used from a source must have that source cited in the very paragraph it is included. All references should also be listed on a separate page at the end of the paper, including the page number from which the information was obtained. All internet sources must include the complete, exact website address and the date retrieved.

**Completed essays are to be submitted electronically by April 1, 2018 to Kathy Richards at [KRichards@AkronOhio.gov](mailto:KRichards@AkronOhio.gov).** Essays are to be submitted in a Microsoft Word compatible format, Times New Roman, 12 point font, and double spaced. In the review process, all essays will be electronically submitted to a plagiarism checking software to verify content integrity.

Complete Scholarship Applications found on the NESOWEA.org website are to be submitted at the same time as the Research Paper in a separate Email attachment.

An unrelated example paper is provided for clarification of approximate minimum length and suggested organization, citation and referencing.

Scholarship awardees and those receiving Honorable Mentions will be recognized at the NESOWEA Annual Business Meeting Lunch in May.

Any questions can be directed to Paul Solanics at [KRichards@AkronOhio.gov](mailto:KRichards@AkronOhio.gov)

**NORTHEAST SECTION  
OHIO WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (last reviewed November 6, 2013)**

The Northeast Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association may award two scholarships each year to be used for college education or trade school expenses. The first place scholarship is \$1500 and the second place scholarship is \$1000. Both amounts may be increased in a given year based on the quality of the scholarship submission and the scholarship funds available at that time as authorized by the NESOWEA Executive Committee. High school seniors, current college students, and current Northeast Section OWEA members are eligible. The scholarship shall be used for the following academic year. Depending on available scholarship funds and the quality of the scholarship submissions, the Executive Committee may also give one or more Honorable Mention financial awards in addition to the two scholarships listed above in amount(s) less than the second place scholarship award.

The following criteria shall be used to evaluate the applications for scholarship:

1. A weighted grading system shall be used to evaluate applications. Applicants must submit a research paper according to the attached instructions. The research papers will be graded. Higher scores will get more points in the evaluation process.
2. The applicant or the parent or legal guardian of the applicant must be a member of the Northeast Section for the past three years and have a current membership status.
3. The applicant must be a high school senior or older. Those applicants further along in their college education will receive more points in the evaluation process.
4. An applicant may be pursuing any major. However, those studying in the environmental field will receive more points for this item in the evaluation process.
5. The application asks for information regarding work experience, extracurricular activities, and goals. Applicants with strong involvement in community service and school activities and/or significant work experience will receive more points.
6. Once a student receives one of these two scholarships, they are ineligible for any additional NESOWEA scholarships. Scholarship applicants receiving Honorable Mentions are encouraged to apply for subsequent year scholarships.

A member may download an application from the NESOWEA.org website or obtain one by contacting an officer on the NESOWEA Executive Committee.

The current NESOWEA President shall choose a scholarship committee consisting of at least three members. This committee shall be responsible to review and evaluate the applications submitted for the scholarship for that year.

All applications must be completed and submitted the current NESOWEA President by the date previously indicated. If there are no qualified applicants, the scholarships will not be awarded that year. The scholarship check will be presented to each winner upon proof of tuition receipt the following fall. If the scholarship winner fails to show proof of tuition receipt, the scholarship will be rescinded.