



WaterJAM Scholarship: *Open Faucet*

WAVE committee's WaterJAM Scholarships is funded through the Virginia Section AWWA and VWEA.

PURPOSE of AWARD

The WAVE Committee will award a scholarship to attend WaterJAM. The scholarship includes conference registration, and up to \$500 for travel expense reimbursements (can include transportation and/or meals) within the VA AWWA and VWEA guidelines for reimbursements.

ELIGIBILITY/GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be full-time employees of an organization directly engaged in the water industry, **active membership of VWEA or VA AWWA is preferred but not required**, and demonstrate a clear career commitment to advancing within the water sector. Eligible focus areas include Administration, Customer Service, Finance, Information Technology, Safety, Communications, Education, Executive Leadership, Human Resources, Legal, Management, and/or similar fields.
- Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use the recipient's name and scholarship story for the purpose of promotion. It also certifies you will attend the conference, if you are for any reason unable to attend please alert us within at least two weeks notice, so funds can be redistributed to another applicant

Ineligible: Previous recipients and current DEI Committee leadership, including Chairs, Vice Chairs, Operations Manager, and Workstream Leads.

EVALUATION

The scholarship is awarded based on a combination of need, opportunity, and merit.

CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS/ATTENDANCE

By applying for this scholarship, you agree to attend various conference sessions and activities as outlined by the WAVE Committee. A list of required activities will be provided prior to the conference and will be based on the technical program for that year. Attendance at other conference activities is highly recommended but is at your discretion.

APPLICATION PROCESS -DEADLINE/SELECTION

To apply for the WATERJAM Scholarship, complete the application online. The following page will prepare you for the questions/essay you must complete. Questions must be completed within the word count, and a passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the water industry must be demonstrated.

All applications for the WaterJAM scholarship must be submitted online by Friday, July 17th, 2026.

QUESTIONS

Please get in touch with Geneva Hudgins at geneva.hudgins@vaawwa.org with any questions

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Member of
AWWA/Virginia
Section

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Yes

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No

Member of WEF/VWEA:

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Yes

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No

EMPLOYMENT (check those that apply)

☐

Customer Service

☐

Human Resources

☐

Financial Operations

☐

Education and Communications

☐

Engineering

☐

Operations

☐

Consultant

☐

Sales

☐

Administrative

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Other

EMPLOYMENT

- Employer
- Current Position
- Would this be your first time attending WaterJAM

ADVERTISING QUESTION

- How did you hear about the scholarship:
 - o Previous winner
 - o Email promotion
 - o Social media (LinkedIn)
 - o DEI Newsletter
 - o Website
 - o Word of Mouth
 - o Other

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS: *Required 2 and the rest optional- Max 500 words*

- Describe a program or initiative you've contributed to would like to develop—that integrates your technical skills with efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the water sector
- If you were to win the scholar and attend WaterJAM 2024 what skills/ experience do you hope to take away and contribute to the broader DEI space of the water industry

- What challenges do you see in the water industry related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and how do you think this conference can help you address them?
- What other sessions, topics, or speakers interest you most, and why?

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I grant permission to AWWA's DEI and Virginia Section to release my name, essay responses and or photo for promotional use.

Signature: _____ Date: _____