Association of Environmental Professionals
Superior California Chapter Scholarship Program
Frequently Asked Questions

1) Are there separate applications for undergraduate and graduate students?
No, there is one application for all students. Applicants should fill out only the relevant areas of the application according to their status.

2) I applied for the scholarship last year, do I need to fill out another application this year?
Yes, you must fill out and submit a new application every year you wish to apply for an award.

3) The application deadline is December 19, 2014. Does this mean my application must be postmarked or received by December 19?
Your application must be postmarked by December 19, 2014 to be considered for the program.

4) May I submit an application packet by fax or email?
No, you must mail your completed application packet to the following address:

AEP Scholarship Committee Attn:
Chris Park
1755 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95833

5) Do I need to submit original transcripts or will copies suffice?
You must submit official transcripts from each college and/or university you’ve attended; copies will not be accepted. If you are unable to submit your official transcripts with your application you may send them separately; however, all application materials must be postmarked by December 19, 2014.

6) Applicants are required to be majoring in environmental studies, environmental science or a closely related subject. What is considered a closely related subject?
Acceptable majors other than environmental studies/science include environmental policy, environmental management, environmental planning, environmental education, environmental economics, etc. Other closely related majors such as engineering, health science, conservation or wildlife biology, geology, geography, landscape architecture, natural resource planning, soil science, and others are acceptable if the student displays a commitment to pursuing a career in an environmental field. This commitment can be displayed through the pursuit of a minor or concentration in an environmental subject, the selection of elective courses, the personal statement, involvement with environmentally-related organizations particularly an AEP student chapter, work experience, etc.
7) Can freshman and sophomores apply for the scholarship?  
No, you must be an undergraduate student with junior or senior standing or a graduate student to be eligible for the scholarship. This is verified through review of the applicant's transcripts.

8) I am currently enrolled in my first semester/quarter in a graduate program and do not yet have a GPA or transcripts. What should I do?  
Submit your undergraduate transcripts and verification from a faculty member in your current graduate program confirming your enrollment in the program and at least six (6) units/credits.

9) Is the scholarship program open to non U.S. students?  
Yes, the scholarship program is open to non U.S. citizens.

10) I am attending an out-of-state school - am I still eligible for the scholarship?  
No, students must be attending a college or university within the Superior California Chapter area which generally includes all inland northern California counties. The AEP Chapter Areas map can be found at: http://califaep.org/chapters

11) I'm a high school senior – am I eligible for the scholarship?  
No, you must be enrolled in an acceptable degree program at a college or university and have junior or senior standing. Please check back in a few years and be sure to get involved with AEP to start meeting environmental professionals and building your resume.

12) Do I need to be an AEP student member in order to be eligible for the scholarship?  
No, you do not need to be a student member of AEP to be eligible. However, an applicant's involvement in AEP will be considered when selecting recipients. All scholarship award recipients will receive a free student membership or membership renewal.

13) If I am selected for an award, how will I be notified and when will I receive the funds?  
A member of the Scholarship Committee will contact all award recipients no later than January 23, 2015. In addition, the recipients' names will be posted on the chapter website and the award will be presented in person at a chapter event. Recipients will receive the funds at the award ceremony, or if unavailable to attend, by mail within two weeks of the award ceremony.

14) How much will be awarded to each scholarship recipient?  
Each year a total of $2,000 will be awarded to the selected scholarship recipients. This total may be divided among up to four recipients for a minimum award of $500.

15) If I received an AEP scholarship in the past, am I eligible to apply again?  
Yes, all students are eligible to apply for the scholarship each year regardless of past awards received.