



2018 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BRANCH BEN C. PRATT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Southwest Florida Branch of the Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association Ben C. Pratt Scholarship Program is designed to assist those individuals who are pursuing a career in the public works field, encompassing disciplines from **engineering, public administration, or continuing education for career enhancement of public agency employees**. This philosophy of our organization is that this assistance in education promotes and ensures a continuation of the high level of skill, talent, and professionalism that is the pride of every member.

For more than one hundred years, the American Public Works Association (APWA) and its Chapters and Branches, traditionally strive for the advancement and continued development of all of the various components that make up the Public Works family. It is incumbent upon the membership of the Southwest Florida Branch to lend a helping hand to those who have chosen the public works field as their career. The Scholarship Program is an intricate part of achieving this goal.

In addition to traditional college or university scholarships, the Southwest Florida Branch will be awarding scholarships to individuals that are enrolled or are considering enrollment into the Florida Public Works Institute (FPWI) or a Public Works Academy programs. The FPWI program and Public Works Academies provide leadership, management and operational training for public works employees who are looking to enhance their skills and advance their careers by developing an emphasis in real-world situations.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

The Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Program includes six (6) categories for which scholarships are awarded:

1. **CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** Awarded to a full or part-time employee of a public works agency or company engaged in public works consulting who, within the 2017 calendar year, has successfully completed formal training to enhance their professional development for public works employment or advancement opportunities. Examples of training include (but not limited to): heavy equipment certification; APWA Emerging Leaders Academy; Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association courses; CDL; and entry level college courses that pertain to the Public Works field. Documentation of successful completion of the training must be submitted with scholarship application.
2. **PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY PROGRAM:** Awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled or is considering enrollment into a public works academy program to enhance their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement.
3. **PUBLIC WORKS INSTITUTE (FPWI) PROGRAM:** Awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled or is considering enrollment into the FPWI program to enhance their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement.
4. **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:** Awarded to a college student who is currently enrolled and has earned at least 30 credit hours through enrollment at an accredited college or university, seeking a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering or other public works related field.

5. GRADUATE PROGRAM: Awarded to a person who is currently enrolled and pursuing an advanced degree in Public Works Engineering, Management, Public Administration, or other public works related field at an accredited college or university.

6. HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR: Awarded to a high school senior who will be the recipient of a diploma and has a SAT score. Student should be pursuing an education in a public works related field.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Award amounts are determined each year by the Southwest Florida Branch Executive Committee.
- Funds shall be used for student fees including, but not limited to, tuition and books at an accredited private college; state university or college; technical centers and agencies; Florida Public Works Institute; or Florida Public Works Academy.
- Recipients shall furnish receipts to the Executive Committee, upon request, validating proper use of funds.
- Failure to furnish receipts, or spending funds on unapproved items, will result in the applicant being ineligible for future funding.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Committee Chairman will inform each applicant as to the status of their application and the date the scholarship will be awarded. SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE PRESENTED IN CATEGORIES AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The application procedure is as follows:

- A. Obtain an application in any of the following ways:
 1. Contact a member of the American Public Works Association Southwest Florida Branch and request an application.
 2. Contact the appropriate guidance counselor at the high school, college or university the applicant attends and request an application.
 3. Contact your Human Resources Director and request an application.
- B. Complete the application. Include all requested information. Incomplete applications, applications that do not include the requested documents and information, and applications not received by the submittal deadline **will not** be considered for award.
- C. All applicants **must provide** a personal statement that includes information about career goals, background and any other information that would assist the committee in judging eligibility for the scholarship award. Personal statements should not exceed two pages (12 fonts, double space).
- D. Return the application to the Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Mr. Jason Sciandra
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Fort Myers, Florida 33916
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- E. ***Deadline for Submittal is May 4th 2018.*** If application requirements are not met, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered eligible for award.
- F. Scholarships are awarded for one year only. Applicants may re-apply for the award the following year.
- G. The number of scholarships awarded each year is contingent upon available funds. The total number of scholarships and amount awarded in each category may vary each year. Last year, seven (7) \$500 scholarships were awarded.



2018 Ben C. Pratt Scholarship Application Form

Please type or print all information on the application form. If application requirements (page 2, PROCEDURE) are not met, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered eligible for award. **Deadline for submittal is May 4th 2018**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (You must check the appropriate scholarship program (**only one please**) for which you are applying)

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- PUBLIC WORKS INSTITUTE PROGRAM:** Awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled or is considering enrollment into the FPWI program to enhance their personal and professional development for public works employment opportunities or advancement.
- UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:** Awarded to a college student who is currently enrolled and has earned at least 30 credit hours through enrollment at an accredited college or university, seeking a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Civil Engineering or any public works related field. ***The applicant must provide an official transcript from an accredited college/university with this application.***
- GRADUATE PROGRAM:** Awarded to a person who is currently enrolled and pursuing an advanced degree in Public Works Engineering, Management, Public Administration, or any public works related field at an accredited college or university. ***The applicant must provide an official transcript from an accredited college/university with this application.***
- HIGHSCHOOL SENIOR:** Awarded to a high school senior who will be the recipient of a diploma and has a SAT score. Student should be pursuing a degree in a public works related field. ***The applicant must provide an official acceptance letter from an accredited college/university with this application.***

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name		Email Address	
Mailing Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	
Daytime Contact Number (Home, Work, Cell)		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Are you a member of APWA? Yes No	If yes, what Branch?	Membership Number:	U.S. Citizen/Resident Alien?* Yes No
<small>*This is for taxing purposes only and will not affect application review</small>			
Estimated percentage of educational costs you personally earn and pay for: ___ 5% ___ 25% ___ 50% ___ 75% ___ 100%			

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current Employer	Position Title
Mailing Address	
City	State ZIP Code
Supervisor's Name	Office Telephone/Cell Number

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current College/University/FPWI/PWA/High School	GPA
Major	Anticipated Graduation Date
Academic Advisor	Office Telephone/Cell Number