



Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association

Scholarship Application Form Academic Year 2008/2009

Scholarship Eligibility:

The purpose of this fund is to (1) promote education in the environmental sciences or other related academic pursuits that tie into the field of onsite sewage treatment, and (2) promote the education of members of the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association (O2WA) and their direct relatives in any field of higher education.

Any student may apply who (1) is an individual, corporate, or honorary member of O2WA in good standing, or a direct relative of an individual, corporate, or honorary member in good standing, who is pursuing an education beyond high school, OR (2) is a non-O2WA member interested in pursuing an education beyond high school through study in fields related to onsite wastewater treatment. In the former case, members or direct relatives of members of O2WA may choose any field of study related or not related to onsite wastewater treatment. In the latter case, students are limited to relevant fields of study that apply to the field of onsite wastewater treatment, including, but are not limited to, public health, environmental science, soil science, engineering, construction technology, or biology. Direct relatives include sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, spouses, and parents (includes step-relatives). Applicants may be:

1. Graduating high school seniors
2. Prior high school graduates
3. Prior recipients
4. GED recipients
5. Home-schooled students
6. College students
7. Students of vocational or trade schools

As many as 5 scholarships totaling \$3,500.00 will be awarded for the 08/09 academic year. All application materials must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2008. Recipients will be notified of their award by mail no later than August 1, 2008. O2WA will make payments directly to the student following submission of proof of registration and attendance by an appropriate faculty member for the current academic period. Payments will be made on an academic quarter, term, or semester basis. Payment for the second quarter will depend upon successful completion of the first quarter, for example. For any academic year, the successful applicant will need to tell us how many terms, quarters, or semesters will be in his or her academic year.

Any 2-year community college or 4-year college or university, any accredited vocational or trade school, whether the institution is public, private, or nonprofit, will be considered an eligible educational institution. It is not essential that the school be located in Oregon.

7. Applicant's GPA:_____ **Enclose Official Transcript for your most recent school.**

8. What will be your academic level for the coming school year? _____

We are interested in more than your academic credentials. We want to know about your activities in school (honors, awards, extra-curricular activities, sports, leadership roles, and so on), in the community (church, clubs or organizations, community service opportunities, and any other activities), and on the job (what work experiences have you had?) Please answer the following questions with that in mind.

9. List school activities as noted above.

10. Describe your involvement in community activities and service.

11. List your work experiences.

12. We would like to know something about your future goals and why you are interested in this scholarship. In 300 to 500 words, describe your educational or career goals in some detail. Describe those personal qualities (leadership, persistence, desire to learn, or anything that sets you apart) that we should know about. Write this essay on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

13. Attach at least 3 reference letters. Of those 3 letters, two must come from any two of the following categories: (1) a non-related O2W A member in good standing, or (2) a member of academia who has personal knowledge of the applicant's performance in education, or (3) a community member who has personal knowledge of the applicant's community service or work history. Letters should be written on the author's letterhead, where relevant.

General Information:

If insufficient room exists on this form to answer any question completely, attach your answer(s) on a separate sheet.

Do not forget to enclose a minimum of three references as noted in the Scholarship Framework and above. You may submit more than three, as long as the criteria for basic submission are met.

This scholarship is a merit-based program. The O2WA reserves the right to obtain financial information from applicants if that information is considered significant in making an award decision. Decisions of the O2WA in this matter or any other scholarship issue will be considered final.

By signing this application below, the applicant certifies that the information provided in this application form and any attachments is true. The applicant agrees that if the applicant is selected to receive a scholarship, the applicant will attend the institution listed above and will pursue the major course of study listed in this application for the duration of the academic year.

The applicant understands and agrees that failure to comply with the above may render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship granted and that he or she may be required to return any remaining unused portions of the scholarship to the O2WA.

It is understood that submission of this application gives permission to the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association Scholarship Fund and the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association to utilize your name and/or picture for promotional purposes consistent with the goals of the organization.

The applicant understands and agrees that the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association, either directly or through its Scholarship Committee, has permission to contact all references listed in this application.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return all applications and materials to:

O2WA Scholarship
86 SW Century Drive, #353
Bend, OR 97702