



Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority

Dedication to the Environment Scholarship Program

Overview

Background

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) has strived to meet the solid waste disposal needs of Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania, since 1973. This has been accomplished by operating an integrated solid waste management system. This system is accompanied with an educational program geared to encourage residents, of our service area, to manage refuse wisely and to participate in local recycling, composting, and/or household hazardous waste programs. As part of this educational program, NTSWA would like to encourage and support individuals furthering their education in an environmental field. This support shall be in the form of a scholarship.

Scholarship Awards

NTSWA will be annually awarding three scholarships, one for each of Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania. The award shall be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be made payable directly to the award recipient's institution of higher education in the second semester of study. NTSWA reserves the right to withhold an award due to the lack of eligible participants for one or all of the three counties affected. NTSWA reserves the right to make additional awards during approval process. NTSWA also reserves the right to withhold an award in the event that the recipient does not successfully complete the first semester of higher education.

Eligibility

The applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible for the NTSWA Scholarship:

1. The applicant must be a resident of Bradford, Sullivan or Tioga County, Pennsylvania, for at least one (1) year prior to application.
2. The applicant must provide documentation of acceptance at an institution of higher education in a field related to the environment (i.e. biology, chemistry, environmental science, meteorology etc.) or waste management. This may include high school seniors as well as first semester college freshmen.

***NTSWA does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race or ethnic background.

Application Process

The applicant shall complete an application form provided by NTSWA and attach the required documentation. The applicant shall also compose an essay on a topic related to the solid waste management field. This essay shall be at least four (4) pages, double spaced, and include a reference or bibliography listing as a separate page. All applications must be returned by April 15th of each year to the NTSWA Central Office, P.O. Box 10, Burlington, PA 18814. Mark the envelope - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Review Process

The scholarship applications shall be reviewed by NTSWA staff and/or Board of Directors. The applicant from each county, with the highest average score, will be awarded the scholarship monies for use toward their higher education.

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Scale	Examples
1. Academics	40%	Grade Point Average SAT Scores Academic Awards\Honors
2. Essay	40%	Use of Words Grammar\Spelling Neatness
3. Environmental Dedication	10%	Content\ Relative Topic Environmental Courses Special Environmental Projects Future Environmental Plans
4. Extracurricular Activities	5%	Athletics Student Orgs\ Offices Held Civic or Religious Groups Employment
5. Completeness of Application	5%	Test Score Availability Completeness of Info Letter of Acceptance

Essay Criteria

The essay topic shall be related to the management of solid waste. Suggested topics may include, but are not limited to:

recycling	composting	household hazardous waste	landfill design
landfill leachate	landfill gas	resources recovery	incineration
waste reduction	landfill siting	waste hauling	

The essay shall be at least four (4) double spaces pages, typewritten or word processed. The margins shall be no wider than 1.5 inches on any side. It should be submitted on white, office\computer grade paper, preferably recycled.

The content of the essay may include a new technique, idea or design involving solid waste management. It may also include the applicant's view of the topic. (i.e. Where it is going in the future? Why it has progressed a certain way? etc.)

The topic must be relatively focused, not encompassing the broad field of solid waste management. It must also include a bibliography or references sited section as a separate page.

Note: NTSWA sponsors a solid waste library which may be of assistance in writing the essay. Contact the NTSWA Central Office at 570/297-4177.



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 Application Form

Applicant Information

1. Applicant's Full Name	
2. Address:	
3. Phone:	
4. Age:	
5. Parent(s) or Legal Guardian:	
6. Social Security Number:	

High School Information

7. School Attended:	
8. Address:	
9. Phone:	
10. Faculty Advisor or Guidance Counselor:	
11. Expected Graduation Date:	
12. Applicant Grade Point Average: (Please forward high school transcripts)	
13. SAT/PSAT Scores: (Please forward test results)	

Academic Awards or Honors*

Award	Date of Award	Award Official

Special Environmental Projects*

Project	Project Coordinator\Advisor
*Attach Separate Sheets as Necessary	

