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In order to encourage the advancement of knowledge in all aspects of water pollution control, NEWEA established the Edward A. Kowsz Memorial Scholarship. The intent of the award is to encourage the continuing education of the water and wastewater industry workforce. Successful applicant is eligible for reimbursement of tuition, registration, and other related costs associated with training in any of the following focus areas:

Collection Systems, Drinking Water, Industrial Water/Wastewater/Process Water, Groundwater, Odor/Air Emissions, Land and Soil Systems, Legislation (Policy, Legislation, Regulation), Public Education/Information, Residuals/Sludge/Biosolids/Solid Waste, Stormwater, Toxic and Hazardous Materials, Utility Management and Environmental, Wastewater, Water Reuse and/or Recycle, Watershed/Surface Water Systems, Water/Wastewater Analysis and Health/Safety Water Systems.

Scholarships may also be awarded for courses at accredited colleges, universities, technical/specialty institutes, or for self-study training programs. The enrolled program should lead towards a certification or a degree with relevant coursework in any of the following education/concentration areas:

Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Physics), Biological Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Environmental Law and Business Management.

One \$250.00 scholarship award will be awarded by the Scholarship Committee. Applicant must be a current member of NEWEA or an affiliate member in one of the recognized New England Affiliated State Associations (ASAs) to be eligible for consideration.

1. The Applicant must be actively employed in the field of wastewater treatment or related field. As competition for this award is growing, a priority system of criteria is established as follows, in descending order of importance:
 - I. Operators, laboratory analysts and others, private or public, who are directly involved in the operation of wastewater treatment facilities.
 - II. Persons working for non-profit organizations who routinely provide training and/or technical assistance to wastewater personnel.
 - III. Persons working for profit making organizations that routinely provide training and/or technical assistance to wastewater personnel. We need to be clear that this is for people enhancing their own abilities to teach better; not to teach what they are currently being paid to teach.
2. Applicant is recommended to apply for the scholarship with NEWEA prior to attending the training program, conference/specialty seminar or other approved coursework. Reimbursement for programs that have concluded (up to 6 months prior to submitting the application) will be considered for approval at the discretion of the committee.

3. The applicant must return any unused portion of the scholarship. If the applicant leaves the Association after application, but prior to the award, the applicant will no longer be eligible for the Award.
4. The information required of the applicant includes the following:
 - a) Completed application form.
 - b) Proof of NEWEA or Affiliated State Association (ASA) Membership by the Applicant. An official email from the NEWEA Office or your membership ID number is considered acceptable. For ASA membership, an official email or other memorandum confirming membership history is required.
 - c) Relevant information on the training program, conference/specialty seminar or coursework for which the scholarship is being requested.
 - d) Proof of enrollment in courses at accredited colleges, universities and technical/specialty institutes as available. Official letter from the institution (including the name of the program) or copy of transcript if available are required to be considered acceptable.
 - e) Please include total estimated costs that would be incurred for the training program (with a breakdown of Tuition, Travel/Hotel and other pertinent expenses).
5. Please send the entire completed application to:

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Woburn, MA 01801-2155
Phone: 781.939.0908
Fax: 781.939.0907
mail@newea.org

If sending a hard copy, please send in ONE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE, including information on the training program and estimates costs.

If sending electronically, please send in ONE ALL-INCLUSIVE EMAIL, including information on the training program and estimated costs.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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