



APPLY NOW

2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The philosophy of the Association is to support construction, engineering, public administration career fields and continuing education for public agency employees. The Southwest Florida Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) assists individuals pursuing a public works career because education and training assistance fosters the continuation of high-level skills and professionalism that is the foundation of public works. Registration opens July 1.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: Undergraduate and Graduate Program funds shall be used for tuition and fees at an accredited private college, state university or college. All other funds shall be used for licensing, training, certifications, Florida Public Works Institute or Florida Public Works Academy. Awards are determined annually by the Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Committee. Return the application via email APWAsouthwestFLbranch@gmail.com no later than October 1, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES: The Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Program includes up to \$1500 award for the two scholarship categories:

1. CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Awarded to a full or part-time public works employee, registered to attend formal professional development. Examples include (but not limited to): Florida PW Institute; heavy equipment certification; APWA Emerging Leaders Academy; Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association courses; CDL; licensing and certifications that pertain to the Public Works field; and trade school courses, & other training opportunities that pertain to the Public Works field.

2. COLLEGE PROGRAM: Awarded to a currently enrolled college student or who has been accepted at an accredited college towards a bachelor's degree, or higher, in a government or public works related field.

Contact APWAsouthwestFLbranch@gmail.com if you have questions about the qualification of your area of study, training program, licensing fees, certifications, etc.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Complete the application.
2. Include all requested information.
3. Incomplete applications are those that do not include the requested documents and information.
4. Applications received after October 1, 2026, will not be considered for a scholarship award.
5. Provide a 250-word statement on how the award supports the individual's public works career.



2026 Southwest Florida Branch Scholarship Application

Application Category (choose one): Career Development or College Program

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Career Field or Field of Study: _____

Education Provider (College or Agency): _____

Supervisor or Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Supervisor or Advisor's Employer: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

The SWFL APWA Branch goal is for the scholarship award winners to attend a Branch Meeting to accept the award. Do you agree to attend a Branch meeting to accept Scholarship (approved expenses will be paid) subject to class or other scheduling conflicts? Yes _____ No _____

Please provide supporting documents verifying that you are you currently enrolled or have been accepted at an accredited college or university or trade school? Yes ____ No ____

Please provide supporting documents.

What Award Amount are you requesting? _____

Are you: a Veteran: Yes ____ No ____ Active Military: Yes ____ No ____

Are you a member of APWA or a family member? Yes ____ No ____

Are you currently working in a Public Works organization? Yes ____ No ____

If you are applying for the Career Development Program, please include your supervisor's name and

Signature (endorsements allowed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include the following attachments

- A statement supporting your application (250-word limit)
- Proof of enrollment, registration, or acceptance in the application category selected