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Announcement: VOWRA Scholarship Program 2022

VOWRA is offering educational scholarships for those seeking licensure or certification in a position supporting an onsite wastewater service field, or students pursuing a degree in a formal undergraduate or graduate academic program leading to a degree that contributes to the onsite wastewater field.

A maximum of \$5,000 in financial aid will be awarded in calendar year 2022 as follows:

- **Up to a total of \$3,000 in scholarships for those seeking education in a trade or occupation supporting the onsite wastewater industry requiring the practitioner to hold a specific state license.** (Examples include training leading to a commercial drivers' license (CDL), or training in onsite wastewater system design, operation or installation with a goal of licensure as an onsite soil evaluator, onsite wastewater system operator or onsite wastewater system installer. **Individual scholarships will be limited to \$1,000 in this category.**
- **Up to a total of \$2,000 in scholarships for those enrolled in a formal undergraduate or graduate education program that supports the onsite wastewater industry** (Programs which may be considered include soil science, biology, chemistry, engineering). **Individual scholarships will be limited to \$500 in this category.**

For eligibility information and application requirements, see the information posted on the VOWRA website here: www.vowra.org under the heading of EVENTS / Recent News.

Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis, and will be accepted beginning immediately through September 1, 2022. Successful applicants will be reimbursed for approved expenditures documented by receipts submitted to VOWRA within 6 months of the scholarship reward.

Due to the limited funds available, those interested in financial assistance should apply soon.



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Applicant and Application Requirements:

1. All applicants must be permanent residents of Virginia.
2. Completed applications will be received beginning immediately, and continuing until September 1, 2022, or until all allocated funds have been awarded. Applicants are urged to apply early, as applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited.
3. All scholarship funds awarded must be utilized by the applicant within 6 months of the award unless otherwise approved in writing by VOWRA.
4. A complete application will consist of **all** of the following:
 - a. Completed application form,
 - b. A written essay (proposal) of 250 words or less explaining the applicants' personal goals and how the scholarship will be used to advance those goals to the benefit of the onsite wastewater industry, and
 - c. A letter of recommendation from an active VOWRA member.
 - d. A detailed listing of the expenditures the applicant proposes to be funded by the scholarship.

- e. Other information the applicant wants VOWRA to consider in review of the application. This may include the timing of expenditures and reimbursement, application or acceptance status at the entity providing the training, or the need for reimbursement for additional items facilitating completion of the training.

Scholarship Awards

1. Following review of the completed application, VOWRA will notify the applicant in writing of the approval status and the amount of the scholarship award. VOWRA reserves the right to reject any, or all applications or request additional information from the applicant to complete its review of the application.
2. Within 6 months of a scholarship award, the awardee must submit receipts to VOWRA proving awardee payment of the costs approved for reimbursement in the scholarship award letter. VOWRA will promptly reimburse the awardee for approved expenses.
3. Reimbursement for expenditures after 6 months following the scholarship award will only be considered by VOWRA in extenuating circumstances and must be requested by the applicant, in writing, and in advance.



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Scholarship Application Form (Calendar Year 2022)

Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

License / Certification / Degree sought: _____ Estimated completion date _____
(Anticipated date of license, certification, or degree)

Name school or trade program enrolled in: _____
(If enrollment not complete, indicate status above or on E below)

School Contact information _____
(Provide name with phone number and email address)

Assistance will be used for: _____
(Include course name or #, program name, provide details with D below)

Scholarship Amount Requested \$ _____ (see program description for maximum amounts)

Applications **must** include the following information:

- A. This application form, completed, signed and dated below.
- B. A written essay (proposal) of 250 words or less explaining the applicants' career goals and how use of the scholarship will advance those goals to the benefit of the onsite wastewater industry.
- C. A letter of recommendation from an active VOWRA member.
- D. A detailed listing of expenses the scholarship fund, including appropriate documentation of those projected costs.
- E. Other information the applicant wants VOWRA to consider when reviewing this application. This may include the timing of expenditures and reimbursement, details of application or acceptance status at the entity providing the training, or the need for reimbursement of additional items needed to facilitate the training.

Certification Statement: *This to verify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand I must utilize an awarded scholarship, for the purposes detailed in the award, within 6 months of award (or as otherwise approved by VOWRA in writing). I understand that VOWRA will reimburse me based on my submission of receipts showing expenses paid.*

Applicant _____
(printed name) (signature) (date)

Submit all required documents electronically via email to vowra.org@gmail.com with the works "Scholarship Application – 2022" in the subject line. An electronic scan of all completed documents completed documents is acceptable. If you prefer to send this in another way such as via USPS mail, please contact VOWRA in advance. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received, beginning immediately until September 1, 2022; or until the allocated funding for this program is exhausted. If you have any question, please email VOWRA using the above email address.