

Keystone SWANA Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program

Category 2

Eligibility and Application Information

I. AWARDS:

Keystone SWANA intends to award \$6,000 in scholarships annually. Depending on the number and quality of applications, Keystone SWANA reserves the right to give more or fewer awards in this category and to adjust the number of awards in its other categories for current college students and graduate students.

The Category II Scholarship is directed at rising college/university juniors or seniors.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply for Keystone SWANA's Category II Scholarship, you must satisfy all the following requirements:

- Be enrolled full-time in college or university for the period of time the scholarship will be used
- **Be entering your junior or senior year of undergraduate studies**
- Be pursuing a degree in an environmental science or studies area, engineering, business, etc.
- SWANA Sponsor:
 - » Become a SWANA Student Member. This is free for full-time students, and you can join by visiting SWANA.org/community/membership/student-membership. This also provides you with access to other SWANA benefits. You act as your own Sponsor.

OR

- » Be the natural, adopted, or stepchild, or grandchild of a SWANA member in good standing who will act as your Sponsor.

Deadlines:

- **July 1**—All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by your Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair.
 - » Students can join two chapters for free.
- **August** – Scholarship Committee presents award recommendations to the Keystone SWANA Board of Directors for approval.

III. CRITERIA:

The Scholarship Committee evaluates the Grant H. Flint Category II Scholarship applications as follows:

A. Academics = 30%

Keystone SWANA's Scholarship Committee considers past academic performance an important selection criterion. Your application must provide enough information to allow the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your academic performance.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a transcript of your college/university transcripts up to the conclusion of the most recent period (quarter, trimester, semester).

An official, unofficial, or PDF copy of your transcript must be attached to the application sent to the Chapter. The transcript must include marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance according to the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0 scale). An example of a possible measure that satisfies this request is the grade point average (GPA). SWANA acknowledges that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures **documented by the transcript**.

- **OPTIONAL:** Attach documentation of any other college/university-level **academic performance, awards, or recognition** and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider.

B. Relationship of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50%

The Committee will consider your current and completed courses, advisor/professor input, and your completed essay in its evaluations.

- **REQUIRED:** Complete the form that asks for additional information about coursework related to solid waste or resource management and/or a potential career in the industry.
- **REQUIRED:** Please have your faculty advisor or a key professor in your studies related to solid waste or resource management provide a one-page letter that discusses your academic performance.
- **REQUIRED:** Write a one-page, original essay about the topic identified in Question 4. Keystone SWANA considers each essay for its potential as a blog post on social media, regardless of whether it is selected for a Scholarship.

C. Other Activities = 20%

Other Activities are activities and programs that can be connected with your studies (research, internships, assistantships), associated with school (participation in student organizations), or entirely unrelated (volunteer activities, military service, employment).

- **REQUIRED:** Complete the forms that ask for information about your other activities.
- **OPTIONAL:** Attach a current copy of your resume.

Describe what you did and how often you participated. Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.

D. Financial Need—not weighted

- **OPTIONAL:** Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration. Some chapters may also consider financial need in their

review of applications. Please *do not attach forms that contain confidential personal information*.

E. Disqualification

Applying is not a guarantee of funding. The Scholarship Committee may disqualify an application for any of the following reasons.

- Applicant fails to meet the July 1 deadline for submitting the application.
- Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the coming semester.
- Applicant does not provide all REQUIRED supporting documentation.
- Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person.
- Application is not legible.
- Application is not signed or certified by the applicant.