

Application Information

To be eligible for one of SWANA's \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors you must:

- Be a graduating high school senior or have an equivalent level of education
- Be the natural, adopted, or stepchild or grandchild of a SWANA member (in good standing as of May 1 of the application year) who will act as your Sponsor
- Be accepted for enrollment in a junior or four-year college or university in any program of study

1. Applicant

First Name	Last Name		
Mailing Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone	Email Address		

2. Sponsoring SWANA Member

First Name	Last Name		
Mailing Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Relationship to Applicant	SWANA Chapter		

3. High School/Entity Issuing the Diploma and/or Transcript

Name of School			
Mailing Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone			

4. College/University Information

Name of School			
Mailing Address	City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Planned Major			

How do you think your planned major might fit into a career in the solid waste industry?

Application Information

5. Academics = 40% of total score

Required:

Attach your transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed. To aid the Committee's review, indicate your cumulative mark or GPA and identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0 scale), if applicable.

Applicant's GPA or cumulative score

Maximum in the scoring/scale used

Required

Attach a copy of your college/university acceptance letter.

Optional/If Available

Attach documentation of any other **academic performance, awards, or recognition** and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider. If available, identify scores from any standardized tests and attach a copy of the test return.

ACT Score

SAT Score

6. Extracurricular Activities = 25% of total score

Required:

Complete and sign the attached page describing your involvement in **extracurricular school activities**, if any. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in extracurricular school activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.

7. Community Activities = 25% of total score

Required:

Complete the attached page describing your involvement in any **community (non-school) programs or activities**. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in community activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.

8. Essay Question = 10% of total score

Required:

Attach a one-page essay about the role some aspect of solid waste management (e.g., education, recycling, food waste recovery, composting, landfilling, etc.) plays in addressing an environmental issue currently in the news. What are the responsibilities of individuals who generate the waste (including producers/manufacturers and consumers) versus the professionals tasked with managing the waste?

9. Financial Need

You may attach a short statement of your financial need, describing how this scholarship will help offset tuition and related expenses and listing any other scholarships or educational funding received to-date. Please do not attach forms or other documents containing confidential personal information.

10. Signatures

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of SWANA Sponsor

Date

Extracurricular Activities



Please describe your participation (connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum), including the name of the activity, how long or how frequently (the seasons or years) you participated, and what you did. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

Activity	Duration & frequency
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I verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Community Activities & Citizenship



Programs or participation offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. This also includes military participation and employment. Please describe what you did and how long/how often you participated. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

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Checklist



Have you filled out and attached the following documents to complete your scholarship

application? **Required**

- High school transcript
- Copy of your acceptance letter to college or university
- Complete, signed extracurricular activities form
- Complete, signed community activities and citizenship form
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 8

Applicant Specific

Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors

Optional/If Available

Scores from any standardized testing

Return your completed application to your Chapter Scholarship Chair by May 1, 2026.

Aaron White, Scholarship/Awards Committee Chair

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Call 757.222.1549 for additional information.