

2026 NOWRA Educational Scholarship

Background:

NOWRA's Educational Scholarships support the professional development of young and early career professionals in the onsite wastewater sector. Candidates will be selected based on their career aspirations and commitment to the onsite wastewater sector.

General Information:

- NOWRA will award two scholarships of \$2,000 each for educational expenses.
- Scholarship recipients will be recognized on the NOWRA website and social media.
- Scholarship recipients will also receive a year of student level membership to NOWRA.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be enrolled at least part time in a trade school, university, or college in 2026.
2. Applicants must be pursuing a degree or certification in a topic related to wastewater treatment and/or environmental policy and management. Academic programs that are applicable include:
 - Civil engineering
 - Environmental engineering
 - Agricultural engineering
 - Water resource management
 - Environmental policy
 - Environmental science
 - Agricultural sciences
 - Environmental health
 - Public health and policy
 - Plumbing or construction schools
 - Related Fields
3. Applicants must be younger than 35 years old or fewer than 5 years of experience in the onsite wastewater field.
4. Applicants must submit a completed application using the [GoogleForm](#) including demographic information, written criteria, proof of enrollment (i.e. academic transcript, letter of enrollment, etc.), and a resume (2 page maximum).
5. NOWRA or state affiliate membership is encouraged but not required.

Scholarship Deadlines and Timeline:

- Scholarship applications will be accepted through the [GoogleForm](#) until 11:59 PM Eastern time on **May 31st, 2026**.
- The winners will be announced at the 2026 Onsite Wastewater Mega Conference on **October 25-28, 2026** in Westminster, CO. In person attendance at the conference is highly encouraged but not required.

Application Submission Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgIcCme1FiLcuchklm3XiXt9JMyKeCPIV_gEpw60KsZsh-A/viewform?usp=header

If you're unsure about your eligibility or need help with the application, please contact us at outreach@nowra.org