

**SWANA 2019**  
**GRANT H. FLINT INTERNATIONAL**  
**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM**



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SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION  
of North America

**The Robert P. Stearns/  
SCS Engineers  
Scholarship Award**



Dear Graduate Student:

Hello and thank you for your interest in the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship, offered through the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

Robert P. Stearns was co-founder of SCS Engineers, an employee-owned environmental consulting and construction firm that designs and implements sustainable environmental solutions. Until his death in 2013, Mr. Stearns was recognized nationally for his significant contributions to the environmental engineering profession and advancement of solid waste management practices.

SWANA is a professional association for more than 10,000 members who work in solid waste management. That industry is far advanced from the old stereotypes of “garbage men.” Our members include men and women working as engineers, scientists, business and sales professionals, safety specialists, experts in communications, marketing and policy, and on the front line of collection and operations, all of whom help address the critical job of managing solid waste as a resource.

To be eligible to apply for the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship, worth up to \$5,000, you must:

- Be a full-time student entering or already in graduate school
- Pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other suitable major related to the field of solid waste management.
- Be a SWANA Student Member. This is free to full-time students and you can join by visiting [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org).

Complete the application for the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship provided on the following pages. **Applications are due to your Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair by May 1, 2019.** Chapters can award local scholarships to students ranging from rising college freshman through graduate school and are also responsible for sending a single chapter nomination for the \$5,000 Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship to SWANA by June 1, 2019. SWANA’s awards will be announced during summer 2019.

If you live in a geographic area outside a current SWANA chapter, please complete this application and send it directly to Sara Bixby in her role as SWANA’s Staff Scholarship Administrator by May 1, 2019. For more information or questions, email Sara Bixby at [sbixby@swana.org](mailto:sbixby@swana.org).

We look forward to receiving your application. Best of luck as you continue your education.

Sincerely,

Charles Weidner  
Chair, SWANA Scholarship Committee

Sara Bixby  
Deputy Executive Director, SWANA



**SWANA**  
**ROBERT P. STEARNS/SCS ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**I. AWARDS:**

Depending on the number and quality of applications, SWANA and SCS Engineers intend to make an award of \$5,000 this year.

**II. ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to apply for the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship, you must satisfy all the following requirements:

- Be a full-time student entering or enrolled in graduate school
- Pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or a suitable major related to the field of solid waste management.
- Be a SWANA Student Member. This is free to full-time students and you can join by visiting [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org). This requirement replaces the need for a SWANA member to be your sponsor.

SWANA employees and family members are not eligible to apply. Beyond those exceptions, SWANA pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to this program, regardless of race, color, age, sex, marital or veteran status, creed, religion, or disability.

**III. DEADLINES:**

- **May 1** - All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by your Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair.
  - Geographically located outside a chapter, send your completed application directly to Sara Bixby in her role as SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator by May 1, 2019.
- **June 1** – Chapters forward their nomination for scholarships to SWANA headquarters for distribution to the International Scholarship Committee.
- **July/August** - International Scholarship winners are announced.

**IV. CRITERIA:**

The International Scholarship Committee evaluates the Robert H. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship applications on the following basis:

**A. Academics = 30%**

The Committee looks at your current Grade Point Average. If your school doesn't use the GPA, provide your current overall grade and a description of the school's standardized grading system. Your college/university registrar must provide a copy of your current transcripts to support evaluation of this criterion. See more on this below.

## **B. Other Activities = 20%**

Factors considered as Other Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Research internships and assistantships
- Military service
- Student organization participation
- Volunteer activities

## **C. Relation of Studies to Solid Waste Management = 50%**

The Committee will consider your current and completed courses related to solid waste management or environmental science, as well as the content of a one-page essay relating the courses to some aspect of solid waste management systems. If involved in a research program or an internship/assistantship, applicants should have their faculty advisor provide documentation regarding the nature of the research/work and the candidate's performance.

## **D. Other Attachments**

Although not required, graduate students that have professional experience are welcome to attach a resume'. You may provide links to published articles, if available. Large data files transmitting full copies of books and papers are specifically not required and add less to the Committee's review than a succinct bibliography, summary and/or link.

## **E. Need**

Although it is not a weighted factor, the Committee can take financial need into consideration during its deliberation.

In addition to these criteria, an application will be disqualified if it:

- Does not meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the application to the Chapter or Staff Scholarship Administrator
- Does not provide all required supporting documentation
- Is not legible
- Is not signed by the applicant where indicated

## **V. QUESTIONS:**

We realize there may be questions that aren't answered by this overview. Please direct your questions to your **Chapter's Scholarship Chairperson** or **SWANA's Staff Scholarship Administrator**, Sara Bixby at [sbixby@swana.org](mailto:sbixby@swana.org).

**SWANA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM  
ROBERT P. STEARNS/SCS ENGINEERS APPLICATION**

**1 Applicant's Information**

<b>Full Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>SWANA Member #</b>	
<b>SWANA Chapter:</b>	

**2 Degrees Held Currently**

<b>Degree:</b>		<b>Degree:</b>	
<b>Major:</b>		<b>Major:</b>	
<b>Year:</b>		<b>Year:</b>	
<b>School:</b>		<b>School:</b>	
<b>Degree:</b>		<b>Degree:</b>	
<b>Major:</b>		<b>Major:</b>	
<b>Year:</b>		<b>Year:</b>	
<b>School:</b>		<b>School:</b>	

Please have the college(s)/university(ies) mail graduation and GPA/grade verification to the **SWANA Staff Scholarship Administrator, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650, Silver Spring, MD 20910.**

**3 Graduate School Information – the school you are/will be attending under this scholarship**

<b>School:</b>			
<b>Department Address:</b>			
<b>Telephone:</b>			
<b>Area of Study:</b>			
<b>Degree:</b>	Masters ____	PhD ____	
<b>Expected Graduation</b>	Month	Year	

Please have the school mail graduation eligibility and GPA/grade verification to the **SWANA Staff Scholarship Administrator, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650, Silver Spring, MD 20910.**

**4 Relationship to Solid Waste Management**

Please have your advisor provide a one-page discussion relative to your progress academically and its relationship to solid waste management. The document must be signed by your advisor.

**Advisor's Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email address:**

**6 Essay Question**

Please attach a one-page essay about the way in which your course work and overall studies will contribute to improving the management of waste as a resource and to addressing an environmental issue currently in the news.

**7 Financial Need**

Please attach a short statement of your financial need, listing any other scholarships or educational funding awarded to-date to offset your tuition and related expenses. If applicable (U.S. students), attach a copy of your Free Application for Financial Student Aid Student Assessment Report.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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**ROBERT P. STEARNS/SCS ENGINEERS APPLICATION**  
**Documentation of Current or Completed Research Efforts**

Please describe the nature and purpose, research protocol, schedule status, results to date, any anticipated practical application, and any publications resulting from your current and/or completed research project(s). Sign each description and provide the name of your faculty advisor/supervisor for each.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

**ROBERT P. STEARNS/SCS ENGINEERS APPLICATION**  
**Description of Current Courses and Completed Courses**

Please provide the course title, credit hours, grade earned, and up to a 25-word description of your course work that relates to solid waste management and/or a career in the industry. Copy the page if you need more space.

<b>Course Title:</b>	
<b>Credit Hours:</b>	
<b>Grade:</b>	
<b>Description:</b>	

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