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Myron D. Calkins Scholarship 2026-2027 Application & Information

Eligibility Requirements

Thank you for your interest in the Myron D. Calkins Scholarship. Applicants interested in this scholarship must be:

1. Enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate education or trade school program that relates to public works at a qualified educational institution; and
2. Enrolled in a minimum of three (3) credit hours per semester or working towards completion of an accredited program for the duration of the scholarship; or
3. Applying to complete a certification program through APWA (or other agencies upon approval), including but not limited to the following: Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM), Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP), and Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII). More information can be found online at <http://www.apwa.net/certification/>.

Preference will be given to applicants who are active in the public works community either through the KC Metro Chapter, its local student chapter or another public works related association and those not otherwise eligible for reimbursement of tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for course work.

Application Process

The application deadline for the 2026-2027 academic year (including summer, fall, winter, and spring semesters, as well as testing through APWA National at any time in the next 12 months) is midnight on **Wednesday, April 15th, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact the scholarship committee chair at kcmetroapwascholarship@gmail.com.

Selection Process

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications, interview finalists (if necessary), and forward recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval. The Scholarship Committee may distribute a grand total of \$10,000 per year from the Myron D. Calkins Scholarship Fund to the successful applicants. Members of the APWA National Board of Directors, the KC Metro Chapter Scholarship Committee or Executive Committee; including their family members, are not eligible.

Timeline of Selection

The open period to apply for a scholarship will be March 1st – April 15th, 2026. Applicants will be notified no later than May 31st, 2026. Selected recipients will pay semester costs upfront and submit grades at the end of each semester to be qualified for scholarship reimbursements. Selected recipients will have until the end of May 2026 to submit for final reimbursement.

Scholarship Award – Undergraduate or Graduate Students

Up to \$1250 will be awarded per semester to the qualified candidate(s) with a maximum of \$2,500 per calendar year. The award will be paid to the recipient upon proof of completion. The student must satisfy grade requirements (a minimum cumulative semester GPA of 3.0, or grade B or better in an individual course) and provide to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson a copy of the grade report.

Undergraduate and graduate students are solely responsible for disclosure of the award for financial aid and/or income tax purposes.



Scholarship Award – Certification Programs

A maximum of \$2,500 will be paid to reimburse a candidate to successfully complete a certification program (including those offered by APWA or other agencies upon approval) within the timeframe of May 2026 - May 2027.

The award will be paid to the recipient (to include application and exam fees only) upon proof of passing the exam.

Scholarship awards issued to non-degree seeking candidates are considered taxable income to the recipient and will be reported on form 1099-MISC at the conclusion of each calendar year in accordance with IRS requirements.

Scholarship Application

Submission for the Myron D. Calkins Scholarship fund is a **two-part** application. Please submit the following together in an envelope to the address below. Both parts of the application must be received by the deadline.

- 1) **Complete Pages 2 and 3 of the application (typed answers to each question are limited to 150 words)**
- 2) **Include a letter of reference (in a separate sealed envelope) mailed to:**

J. Phil Herrman, PE, PTOE
KC APWA Scholarship Committee Chair
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Pkwy
Kansas City, MO 64114

1. Personal information:

Name (First, MI, Last):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

APWA Member ID # or relationship to current APWA member (if applicable):

2. Academic information: (if pursuing a certification program, proceed to question 3)

Program of study:

Class(es) this or next semester:

Degrees received to date:

Name and location of current institution(s):

Prospective graduation date:

3. Certification Program information: (disregard if pursuing a degree and complete question 2 only)

Certification or designation:

Agency offering the program:

Date you expect to take the exam:

Estimated costs for application and exam fees:

4. Financial information:

Have you applied for other financial aid? Yes No

Approximately what percentage of education do you personally fund: 5% 10% 25% 50% 75% 100%

List other current scholarships and/or past APWA scholarships:



5. Employment (if applicable):

Company/Municipality Name:

Supervisor:

Address:

Phone:

Do you receive tuition reimbursement from your employer? __Yes __No If Yes, what %: __

This is to certify that the above information is valid.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Questionnaire (limit responses to 150 words each):

How will this degree, class, program, or certification enhance your career and/or understanding of public works?

Demonstrate if you are currently involved in public works (through employment, internship, or related organizations).

Do you have long-term goals to remain active in the public works industry?

Statement of need or special consideration.

Please list extracurricular activities (i.e., student organizations, research, blogs, etc.), special interests, and other community service activities in which you participate.