



Scholarship Application Packet

Qualifications:

Applications will be considered from those who:

- will be this year or are now a full-time master's student, doctoral student or post-doctoral researcher, and
- have a clearly demonstrated interest in solid waste management research.

Scholarships recognize graduate students pursuing excellence in solid waste management research and education. Recipients are chosen based on credentials and potential contributions to the solid waste industry and its scientific community.

Awards are based on:

- Academic performance
- Professional experience
- Relevance of one's work to the advancement of solid waste management science
- Potential for success

Award amounts consider the cost of tuition at the recipient's institution and any other funds received. Full scholarships may not be awarded to students who will be receiving full-tuition scholarships from other sources (excluding direct university assistance such as tuition remission, or assistantship income) but may still be considered for partial awards.

Doctoral and post-doctoral scholarships are awarded up to a maximum of \$12,000 per year and paid monthly. Doctoral/post-doctoral scholarships are renewable each year to a maximum of three years from the initial award date. Master's scholarships are awarded up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and are renewable each year to a maximum of two years from the initial award date. Scholarship renewal is dependent upon satisfactory progress as determined by the student's academic advisor.

All qualified candidates will be considered for scholarships without regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, or disability. Applications from students outside the United States or studying abroad will receive equal consideration. Award decisions by the Environmental Research and Education Foundation and its directors are final and not subject to appeal.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Hollomon at (919) 861-6876 x 104 or via e-mail (scholarships@erefdn.org).



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Scholarship Program Application Instructions

Application Materials (all items are REQUIRED)

1. **Signed application form.** Submit one original only.
2. **Official college transcripts.** Contact the registrar from each college or university attended and have official transcripts sent directly to the Environmental Research and Education Foundation. If your name was different on previous transcripts, note this when requesting the transcript and notify the Environmental Research and Education Foundation. For students attending institutions that do not issue transcripts, send other appropriate documentation. Transcripts (or other appropriate documentation) **are required** for a complete application package and **must be postmarked by the application deadline** (May 8, 2012) to receive consideration.
3. **Admission test scores:** Students currently enrolled in a degree program (undergraduates or graduate students) should submit one copy (*not* original) of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) results. GRE scores are **REQUIRED** unless sufficient justification can be provided. International students can find local test centers via ETS's GRE website (www.ets.org/gre). Students ineligible to take the GRE, who took the GRE >5 years ago, or who have taken exams other than the GRE (i.e. SAT, GMAT) should contact EREF prior to submitting an application to ensure these test results will be considered. A report stamped "*Candidate's Copy*" will suffice. Be sure to give your name, address, date of birth, social security number (or equivalent), school, and the location and date that you took the test. Scores should be included with the other application materials and sent to EREF by the applicant.
4. **Three recommendations:** A recommendation form is included in this application packet. This form should be copied and distributed to three individuals who can comment on your academic or career performance and your potential for future success. At least two of the recommendations must be less than one year old. The recommendation form should be completed and **returned to you** in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature over the sealed flap. Recommendations will not be considered if they arrive in unsealed envelopes, or in envelopes that do not bear the recommender's signature. **Submit all recommendations with your application package.**
5. **Essays:** One copy of each of the following essays (please number pages):
 - a) an autobiographical statement (<500 words) that includes your career goals and any talents/interests you have that make you stand out as a candidate for an EREF Scholarship.
 - b) a discussion of your research topic (<750 words) that includes project objectives and the work's relevance to the advancement of solid waste management.

Essays should be submitted typed, double-spaced, unbound and unstapled, with pages numbered, on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (international students using A4 paper must make sure text fits inside an 8 1/2 x 11 area). Candidates submitting material in any language other than English must provide an English translation.

Send the completed application materials via mail or email (PDF only) to:

Bryan Staley, Ph.D., P.E.
President
Environmental Research and Education Foundation
3301 Benson Dr, Suite 301
Raleigh, NC 27609
scholarships@erefndn.org

Deadline for Applications:

MUST BE RECEIVED BY

May 8, 2012

Final Round Selection:

Applicants will be notified in writing of their status by late June.



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Scholarship Application

Complete all pages and questions accurately and fully, and be sure to send the original application. All pages must be single-sided. Type or print in black ink. Do not extend writing into margins; attach extra sheets of paper if more space is needed (international students using A4 paper must make sure text fits inside an 8 1/2 x 11 area). Attach other relevant documents and mail directly to: Environmental Research and Education Foundation, 3301 Benson Dr., Suite 301, Raleigh, NC 27609.

I am applying for a: **Doctoral/Post-doctoral scholarship** **Master's scholarship**

Personal Information

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Gender: Male Female

If you have attended an academic institution under a different name, please give name used:

Birth Date: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Mailing Address: _____
Street

City

State

Zip

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone (optional): _____

E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(if different from above) Street

City

State

Zip

Career Interests

What is your primary career interest? _____

What other careers are you considering? _____

College Information

What institution are you currently enrolled in? _____
College/University

Department _____ Degree expected _____ Expected date of graduation _____

If you are applying for admission to a graduate program, please list the program(s) to which you have applied and the date you have received (or expect to receive) a decision:

University	Department/Program	Date of Decision
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Personal Data

Place of Birth: _____ Citizenship (country): _____

State of Residence: _____

What are your total expected tuition and living expenses (e.g. housing, utilities, food, etc.) for the coming academic year?

Tuition: _____ Living Expenses: _____

Will you receive funding from a source other than your family or a job for the coming academic year? Please include any assistantships, stipends, research scholarships, job-related scholarships, etc.

Yes No

If yes, provide the name of each program and an estimate of how much of your expenses will be covered by each funding source.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

How did you hear about the Environmental Research and Education Foundation?

Scholarship listing Faculty member Student Industry employee Internet search

Other: _____

Test Scores

Please enter the scores and percentiles you received on the applicable test.

SAT/ACT _____ (_____%) / _____ (_____%) / _____ (_____%)
Verbal Math Writing

GRE _____ (_____%) / _____ (_____%) / _____ (_____%)
Verbal Quantitative Analytical

Educational Background

List all colleges, universities, graduate institutions, and professional schools you have attended and are currently attending in chronological order beginning with current or most recent school.

Institution/Location (city, state)	Dates Attended	Degree	Date Awarded
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Academic Performance

What is the grade point average at the institution in which you are currently enrolled? If you have been at your current institution for less than one year, use the GPA from the last institution you attended.

GPA = _____ out of a possible _____

Have you ever been suspended or required to withdraw from any school or college?

Yes No *If yes, explain fully on an attached sheet.*

College academic honors received (attach a separate sheet if extra space is required):

Collegiate extracurricular activities in order of their importance to you:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Offices Held</u>	<u>Years</u>

Is there any reason that your academic credentials underestimate your potential?
(Please use a separate page if necessary.)

Professional History

If your studies have not been continuous, please list your professional/employment history. Include military service, if any:

<u>Company/Location (city, state)</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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List business, professional, and community organizations in which you have been active:

List journal articles, technical reports, patents, books, or other work of creative significance:

Recommendations

List the three people whose recommendations you will submit:

1. _____
Name Phone/Email

Address

2. _____
Name Phone/Email

Address

3. _____
Name Phone/Email

Address

Certification

I certify that all statements made in this application are correct. I further state that I have read the application in its entirety. I agree to abide by the decisions of the Environmental Research and Education Foundation and its directors. If I am awarded a scholarship, I promise to inform the Environmental Research and Education Foundation if I am awarded any other scholarships and to reveal the dollar amount of any other scholarship. I understand that I may not be permitted to accept scholarships from two sources (excluding direct university assistance such as tuition remission, or income received from assistantships). If I am awarded a Scholarship, I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations that are now or may be required in the future. I understand that any items submitted to the Environmental Research and Education Foundation in conjunction with this application become the sole property of the Environmental Research and Education Foundation and will not be returned or transferred.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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Recommendation Form

Please make extra copies of this form for your references.

Section A (to be completed by applicant)

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Please sign one of the two statements noted below and give this form to your references. This form should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the sealed flap for you to return with your application.

1. I expressly waive any rights I might have to access this letter of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or any law, regulation, or policy.

Signature of Applicant Date

2. I do not agree to the above waiver.

Signature of Applicant Date

Section B (to be completed by recommender)

Scholarships are awarded by the Environmental Research and Education Foundation to support the work of outstanding **GRADUATE and POST-GRADUATE** students interested in excellence in environmental research and science.

Deadline for Recommendations:

Recommendations must be sent to the student 2 weeks prior to the May 8, 2012 deadline to allow time for complete application submission.

Please complete the following and return this form to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the sealed flap. A letter in place of this form is acceptable, as long as it answers the questions presented and sections 4 and 5 on this form are completed by you.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. What do you consider his or her most outstanding talents or characteristics?

3. What are the applicant's chief liabilities or weaknesses that may affect his or her future academic and career performance?

**** Please complete the following even if sending a separate letter ****

4. Please use the scale provided to rate the applicant in relation to his or her peers.

Communication Skills: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Intellectual Curiosity: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Organization and Focus: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Professional Attitude: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Capacity for Self-Criticism: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

Integrity: Exceptional Top 2% Excellent Top 10% Good Top 1/3 Average Middle 1/3
 Poor Bottom 1/3 Unable to Judge

