

# The National Association of Environmental Professionals, South Carolina Chapter

## 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP-SC) is pleased to announce its 2024 scholarship program. Interested graduate and undergraduate students should complete the attached application and return it to <a href="mailto:naep.scchapter@gmail.com">naep.scchapter@gmail.com</a> with the Subject: "Student Outreach Committee – 2024 Scholarship."

Note: Applications must be emailed by <u>May 31, 2024</u>, to be considered for the 2024 Scholarships.

### 1) AMOUNT AND SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each will be awarded to <u>current full-time students</u> (one graduate, one undergraduate). Applicants must be pursuing a degree in environmental studies, or a related major, at a two-year or four-year institution in South Carolina with the intention of working in the environmental field.

#### 2) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- a. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have permanent resident status.
- b. The applicant must be enrolled full-time in a two-year or four-year college or university in South Carolina leading to an undergraduate or graduate degree in environmental studies or related field and planning to pursue a career in the environmental field.
- c. The applicant is eligible to receive a scholarship from NAEP-SC only one time.
- d. The applicant must submit copies of college transcripts. Unofficial transcripts will be acceptable.
- 3) **EVALUATION:** Each applicant will be evaluated on a point system as described below:
  - a. Performance Factors (15 points maximum):

Students will be rated on their cumulative grade point average at the time they apply for the scholarship. The number of environmental courses completed will also be considered.

- b. Evaluation of Applicant (45 points/50 points maximum including bonus points):
  - Evaluation of the applicant's activities and honors, work experience, leadership positions, volunteerism, and distinguishing qualifications (30 points maximum).
  - Evaluation of career goals, based on content, clarity of ambitions, grammar, and spelling (15 points maximum).
  - Current student member of NAEP-SC (5 point bonus).

#### c. Letter of Recommendation (15 points maximum):

One of the student's current professors, faculty, employee supervisor, or volunteer organization leaders should provide an objective evaluation regarding character and motivation in a Letter of Recommendation. This letter may be emailed separate from or with the Student's Application.

#### 4) INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM

- a. Be as complete as possible while filling out this application. Each portion of the application has a specific point value. Judges will score each section separately. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- b. Forms must be typed or neatly printed. Points may be lost for poor grammar, incorrect spelling, illegibility, or lack of neatness. Proofread carefully.
- c. IMPORTANT: Please send your application, additional pages if needed, college transcripts (unofficial is acceptable), and letter of recommendation (if not being sent separately by the Recommender), <u>combined into a single file</u> (PDF) to <u>naep.scchapter@gmail.com</u> with Subject: "Student Outreach Committee – 2024 Scholarship."
- d. If you have concerns regarding sensitive information on your transcript (e.g., birthdate, student ID number, last 4 digits of SSN) being sent electronically, please redact/obscure/hide this information prior to submittal.
- e. All Scholarship application materials and instructions can be found on the NAEP-SC website (<u>https://www.NAEP-SC.org</u>).

#### 5) STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

As a student member in NAEP-SC you will be provided opportunities to network, stay current on news and regulatory changes, and learn about diverse environmental topics. A \$15 student membership includes admission to all NAEP-SC events. Although being a NAEP-SC student member is not required for scholarship eligibility, 5 bonus points are given to all current student members.

Questions may be directed to the Student Outreach Committee, at <a href="mailto:naep.scchapter@gmail.com">naep.scchapter@gmail.com</a>