



SWANA WISCONSIN BADGER CHAPTER

Scholarship Application Instructions
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Both SWANA National and the Badger Chapter have scholarship programs in place to promote the organization's strategic value of industry education. The Badger Chapter typically awards up to \$6,000 in scholarships in the following categories:

Category I: Students entering college who are sponsored by a SWANA member

Category II: College/university students pursuing a degree in a field related to solid waste management

Category III: (Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers): Full-time students entering or in graduate studies in a related field

Additionally, each applicant may apply for the Badger Chapter scholarship honoring our good friend Brenda Quinnell again this year:

Brenda Lee Quinnell Rising Leader Scholarship: Category I, II, or III students who demonstrate leadership, commitment, and passion. The recipient of this award will be forwarded for National award consideration.

The number of awards and award amounts are determined during the review process.

An application for the Badger Chapter scholarship program serves as the application for the National program. The national application packet is available on SWANA's website:
<https://swana.org/community/awards-scholarships/scholarships-internships>

The deadline for submittal to the Badger Chapter is May 1.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST:

- National application form and supporting documentation. Depending on the category of the award pay special attention to include the following:
 - Transcripts
 - Copies of ACT/SAT scores
 - Documentation of acceptance to an accredited institution
 - Essay

Please read the national scholarship application carefully as requirements are different for each scholarship and change from year to year. Documentation must be received by the application deadline of May 1 so allow time for institutions to process your requests. Electronic transmittal of these documents is accepted.

- Supplemental essay for consideration of the Brenda Lee Quinnell Rising Leader Scholarship



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BRENDA LEE QUINNELL RISING LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

In August 2018 the solid waste and recycling community lost one of its most devoted members. Brenda Quinnell, director of the Adams County Solid Waste Department, served for over 10 years as the Wisconsin Badger Chapter's administrative assistant. During her years of service Brenda was much more than an "assistant", she was a leader. Brenda kept chapter presidents and monthly meetings on task, filed annual financial reports, organized in person meetings, and played a major role in WIRM conference planning. Meleesa Johnson, Director of the Marathon County Solid Waste Department, put it best when she said, "Brenda was the glue that held [the chapter] together."

Beyond her dedication to the chapter, Brenda was a welcoming presence. In a forum like SWANA, where many of the meetings and communications are held over the phone or via email, it can be difficult to get to know someone. That was not so with Brenda whose warm voice and kind nature traveled through the phone and email waves with each communication.

Brenda guided new members through the committee structure and helped promote and organize young professional events. She was a true mentor and always willing to share her knowledge and experience.

For these reasons, and many more, the Wisconsin Badger Chapter is proud to offer the Brenda Lee Quinnell Rising Leader Scholarship. Each year, one scholarship will be awarded to an individual who demonstrates the following characteristics or actions through their application and essay(s):

- Searches for extra opportunities in school, community, work, or the solid waste and recycling industry
- Inspires others through mentorship, integrity, creativity, and his or her ability to communicate
- Commitment, enthusiasm, passion, and accountability towards an organization or activity

The recipient of this award will be forwarded for consideration at the National Level.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY QUESTION: *In 1,000 words or less, describe how you have demonstrated leadership and what being a good leader means to you.*

Applicants are also encouraged to provide any documentation of ways in which he or she has demonstrated leadership (photos, videos, awards, letters of references etc.)