



# The Walt Canter Sewer/Water Utility Scholarship

The Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts (WASWD), annually awards scholarships to qualified individuals with interest in pursuing a career in the industry represented by our membership. Scholarship funds are designated exclusively for educational purposes, specifically limited to covering tuition, books, and may not be utilized for any living or personal expenses.

## Scholarship Overview and Requirements

Please review the following requirements before completing the scholarship application. There are two application levels for the Walter Canter Scholarship;

- Utility Operator Scholarship and;
- College Scholarship

Please complete the appropriate portions of the application that applies to your academic goals.

**Applications for the 2026-2027 year are due by April 1, 2026.**

### PURPOSE

Sewer and Water Districts across the state provide essential and valuable service to our communities and we recognize the need for educational advancement at all levels. WASWD established the Scholarship Fund to facilitate and encourage entrance, advancement and retention of employees in the water and wastewater Industry. WASWD recognized Walt Canter, a long-term Commissioner (1969-2017) of the Cedar River Water and Sewer District and industry advocate by naming the Fund after him. He is considered a legend in the Sewer and Water industry in the State of Washington.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### All Applicants:

- Applicants must be
  - Washington State Resident
  - **OR** Employee, Elected Official or Family member of a WASWD Member

#### Utility Operator Scholarship Applicants:

- Additional Minimum Requirements Include:
  - Must be pursuing a career in the water or wastewater industry
  - Participation in an industry relevant training or certification program

#### College Scholarship Applicants:

- Additional Minimum Requirements Include:
  - Full or Part-time student
  - Attendance at an accredited college, university, or technical school
  - Pursuit of a degree; Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate
  - Pursuit of a degree in management or technical training in water or wastewater industry

### EVALUATION

All sections of the scholarship are reviewed and scored based on a point system. There is a strong emphasis on assessing your career and educational goals with respect to the water and wastewater industry. Please be sure to provide all information in the application necessary as completion of the application is also scored.

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If you have any questions, please contact us at [staff@waswd.org](mailto:staff@waswd.org)

### Mail or deliver completed application to:

Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts  
900 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 305, Renton, WA 98057 Or  
upload VIA [ONEDRIVE](#)



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## ALL Applicants Must Complete This Section

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (last, first, middle initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Experience

Water or wastewater work and/or experience	
From/To Dates:	

### Financial

Past Scholarships or Awards received in the previous 3 years. Attach separate sheet if needed.			
Source(s)	Program	Amount(s)	Year(s) Received

### Prior Education

Name of High School, Colleges or Universities	From	To	Major	Credits

### Industry Related

Please indicate WASWD Membership Affiliation here:

Employee       Elected Official       Family Member

Current certification or license relevant to water or wastewater industry. (*Attach separate sheet if needed*)

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Level or license type & number \_\_\_\_\_ Year Earned \_\_\_\_\_

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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

April-1	Applications are DUE
April-June	Committee meets to review the applications, score and recommend awards to the board of directors
July	Board approves awards
August	Checks are mailed to educational institutions
September	Press release of all awards to newspapers local to WASWD & recipients



# The Walt Canter Sewer/Water Utility Scholarship

## Utility Operator Applicant

Scoring Criteria for Utility Operator Applicants

- Completeness of Application, area of academic pursuit-40%
- Personal Statement-50%
- All other areas combined-10%

**If you are or plan to enroll in a training program, please provide the following:**

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (to send any scholarship funds, if awarded): \_\_\_\_\_

If not currently enrolled, have you applied for the program?  Yes  No

### Program Information

What is the annual cost of the program or individual classes you plan to attend this year?

Information that describes the classes (you may provide attachments if needed)

What Certification will this Program lead to you? \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Service

Last three years of community /volunteer service. (This could include professional or scholastic Associations, community outreach such as tutoring). Attach separate sheet if needed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

List any honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must also submit the following documents:

- Written Personal Statement (no more than 2 pages at a minimum of 12-point font): Briefly tell us about yourself and describe your work experience; your interest; how this relates to the water/wastewater industry. Please include:
  - Your career goals
  - Your educational/training goals (including how it relates to the water and sewer industry)
  - Your current progress towards your goals and any relevant experience
- A resume or any other additional documentation is optional and may be attached at applicant's discretion
- At least 1 letter of recommendation from; teacher/counselor, employer or community leader that have a reasonably good understanding of your abilities and background.

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### SUBMISSION AND CERTIFICATION:

Please accept my application for consideration of a Walt Canter Sewer & Water Scholarship. I understand that the information contained in this application will be utilized to determine my eligibility for consideration and award of scholarship funds from the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts.

I **certify or attest** that to the best of my knowledge all the information contained herein and attached as required is complete and accurate.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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## College Applicant

Scoring Criteria for Utility Operator Applicants

- Completeness of Application, area of academic pursuit-40%
- Personal Statement-50%
- All other areas combined-10%

Current Class Status or Degree(s) earned: \_\_\_\_\_

If presently attending college, how many credit hours have you carried each quarter or semester this past year? \_\_\_\_\_

What Course of Study will you use this scholarship for? \_\_\_\_\_

What Degree will this Course of Study lead you to? \_\_\_\_\_

### Enrollment

College/University Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (to send any scholarship funds, if awarded): \_\_\_\_\_

If not currently enrolled, have you applied for admission?  Yes  No

If yes, please include student identification number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the annual tuition cost for the program you plan to complete this year? \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Service

List community & volunteer service you have participate in within the last three years. (This could include professional or scholastic Associations, community outreach such as tutoring). Attach separate sheet if needed.

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- A resume containing your employment history
- At least 1 letter of recommendation from; teacher/counselor, employer or community leader that have a reasonably good understanding of your abilities and background.
- Transcripts for at least the last 3 semesters/quarters of all high schools, colleges and universities attended. If you have completed less than 3 semesters/quarters, please submit your most recent transcripts. Certified copies are not required, You will be contacted if a certified copy is needed.
- If you plan to use the scholarship for a distance learning or regional workshop/conference course, please include a complete syllabus describing the program.



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