



**Department of
Public Works -
Environmental Services Division**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Scholarship Available to
Graduating High School Seniors
Pursuing an Environmental Studies Related Education
2012-2013 College Academic Year**

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

**Marion County Department of Public Works - Environmental Services Division
5155 Silverton Rd. NE
Salem, OR 97305
(503) 588-5169
Attention: Jeff Bickford**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: March 30, 2012

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Marion County Department of Public Works - Environmental Services Scholarship Award Program

The Marion County Department of Public Works - Environmental Services will be awarding a \$2,500 scholarship, along with a summer internship, to a graduating high school student who will be entering an *Accredited College/University* of Higher Education located within the United States, on a full-time basis, pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies, Engineering Programs, or other suitable major related to solid waste management.

Listed below are some important deadlines and guidelines for completing the awards application:

I. Important Deadlines

March 30th 2012 All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be **delivered to Marion County or postmarked by this date**. Send to Marion County Public Works - Environmental Services, 5155 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem, Oregon 97305. Phone (503) 588-5169, FAX (503) 588-3565. The application forms may be photocopied if needed.

April 30th The selected applicant will be notified of the results of the evaluation by the Department of Public Works - Environmental Services. Applicants not selected will be notified in writing by May 2012.

II. Scholarship Award

- A.** To be considered for an award, you must be a graduating high school senior or graduate equivalent candidate in Marion County, who has been accepted for enrollment in the field of environmental studies, engineering, a physical or natural science, or related field, at an accredited 4-year college or university located within the United States. Additionally, possession of a valid Oregon's driver's license is required.
- B.** The scholarship award will be disbursed to the college or university's financial aid department. Distribution will be made in equal payments at the beginning of each quarter or semester, as long as a minimum 2.0 grade point average for the previous term is maintained.
- C.** The Department of Public Works - Environmental Services reserves the right not to award any scholarship for any given year.

III. Criteria for Award Selection

Criteria	Relative Weight	Example of Grading Parameters
1. Academics	30%	a. Grade Point Average (4.0 Scale) b. ACT and/or SAT scores c. Academic achievement award and honors
2. Citizenship	30%	a. Student organization participation b. Scouting c. Charitable, civic, or religious organization work d. High School ROTC, military, etc. e. Other

Criteria	Relative Weight	Example of Grading Parameters
3. Activities	30%	a. Athletics b. Music, drama, debate, etc. c. Student paper, yearbook d. Others
4. Essay	10%	

Note: Relatives of any employee of Marion County are ineligible for this award.

IV. Post-Award Conditions

The recipient is expected to work summer break 2012 (approximately mid-June through late-August/early-September) as an intern for the Marion County Department of Public Works - Environmental Services as part of this Scholarship Program (this temporary position will be as a "Public Works Aide", which currently pays about \$11.63 per hour) in order to qualify.

V. Application Completion

- A. Attached are the forms you will need to complete the application. Each applicant will be required to fill out the application forms and have it, along with all required back-up documentation, turned in to the Marion County Department of Public Works - Environmental Services (or postmarked) by March 30th, 2012. All applications must be typed. A computer version (Microsoft Word format) of the application form is available upon request.
- B. Should you require additional space for response to any question, attach a separate page with the appropriate information. Upon completing the application forms, sign and date the form at the bottom.
- C. Back-up Documentation to be submitted:
 - 1. High school transcripts
 - 2. SAT and/or ACT scores
 - 3. Copy of valid Oregon Driver's License
- D. An essay, as described on the application form, is to be completed and submitted by each applicant.

Any information provided by the applicant will be subject to verification by Marion County.

VI. Summary

We realize that there may be questions that are not answered in these guidelines. If any question or problems should arise, please contact the Department at (503) 588-5169, extension 5992.

The Marion County Department of Public Works – Environmental Services feels that education, of students as well as the general public, is one way to further the understanding of environmental issues. Through the scholarship program, we hope to facilitate the education of college students, in hopes that they will become knowledgeable and responsible environmental professionals.

Good Luck to all of you.

Part C: Special Recognition or Academic Honors, or Other Achievements for Which Singled Out	School Year			Description of What You Did to Earn Recognition
	10	11	12	

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Obtain a certified copy of your high school transcript, which indicates all courses that are included in the high school "honors" or "advanced placement" programs, and include it with this application. Ensure that your SAT and/or ACT scores are included on the transcript, or attach a copy of the official test result report.

ACTIVITIES - SECTION 2

Please list activity only once in the appropriate section.

Description of Paid Employment While Attending High School	School Year Sept. to May			Average Hours per Week Worked	Weeks per Year
	10	11	12		
Summer Activities (ie., paid employment, involvement in a major project or activity)	Summer of			Average Hours per Week	Weeks per Summer
	'09	'10	'11		

ESSAY

Prepare a double-spaced, typewritten (no larger than 12-point font) essay, **not to exceed 1 page**, on the following topic: "My interest in environmental issues and waste reduction, recycling, and solid waste management." Include how and why you are interested in this field, along with which aspect of this field you could potentially foresee further investigating in your college studies. Enclose the essay with the application and other supporting documents.