

IAEP Student Scholarship Program 2026



The IAEP

- Is a multi-disciplinary society of professionals whose experience and practice relates directly to enhancing environmental quality.
- Unites practitioners in business, government and education.
- Promotes public and professional informed awareness of issues affecting environmental quality.
- Supports professional development and transfer of knowledge in environmental planning, research, management, and evaluation.
- Encourages incorporation of environmental concerns in planning and decision making.

THE SCHOLARSHIP...

In an effort to increase student interest in the environmental professions and to support them in defining their career goals, IAEP sponsors research grants and scholarship opportunities. This year's scholarship opportunity consists of **Five \$2,000 awards** to aid students in their education-related expenses. The winners will be invited to receive their awards and recognition at the IAEP Annual Golf Outing on September 9, 2026. *Attendance is optional and not a prerequisite for award.*

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a United States citizen or legal resident.
- Be a full-time student enrolled at an accredited four-year or two-year undergraduate college.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on a 5.0 scale)
- Have a declared major in a science, engineering, or policy related discipline. The following are examples of acceptable majors: civil, chemical, or environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental studies, biology, hydrogeology, geology, ecology, industrial hygiene, toxicology, environmental policy. NOTE: this list is not exhaustive.

Please Submit the Following:

Employment Experience: Please attach a current resume (optional).

Recommendations: Please include **two** written recommendations in support of your pursuit of the environmental profession, at least one being from a university official/professor.

Personal essay: Please write an essay of a minimum of 1,000 words discussing: **"What steps you are taking to pursue a career in the environmental profession"**. Essays may include information regarding your steps taken to self-learning, your education, internships, volunteer experience and ideas about the future. Referenced citations must be included in your essay.

Official (preferred) or Unofficial transcript: Include a current transcript of your academic record.

Application form on the next page.

The IAEP Scholarship Program: Application Form

Deadline is August 19, 2026

Applications must be received on that date prior to 4:00 pm

Please Print Clearly or Type



Name _____

Present Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Declared Major _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Expected Degree _____ Cumulative GPA of _____ on a _____ scale

Name of University of College: _____

Academic Advisor: _____

Advisor Email: _____

Incomplete applications will not be processed

Send your application package via regular mail to the following address:

Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals

c/o Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

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Rosemont, Illinois 60018

Questions: Contact Robert Sliwinski - rsliwinski@cbbel.com