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Kentucky Groundwater Association
153 Booger Hollow Road
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KENTUCKY GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

1.) **APPLICANT AFFILIATION** – KYGWA Member Name: _____

Applicant is: (check one) Member of KYGWA [] Child/Grandchild of Member [] Spouse of Member []

2.) **SCHOLASTIC STATUS** (as of application date):

HS Senior [] HS Graduate [] Completed GED []
College Freshman [] College Sophomore [] College Junior [] College Senior []
Enrolled in Vocational or Technical School [] Returning Student (more than 2 years) [] Other Status: (Explain) _____

3.) **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Student ID: (if applicable) _____

4.) **SCHOLASTIC INSTITUTION**

(If already enrolled or accepted, please provide information as appropriate. If you have applied but have not yet been accepted, please provide information on the school of FIRST choice. Once accepted, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide the scholarship committee the name of the school you will be attending.)

Name of School: _____

Address of School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Planned Beginning Date of Attendance: _____

Planned Major or Course of Study: _____

Enrollment Status: Currently Enrolled [] Accepted but not Enrolled [] Applied for Admission []

5.) **APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS:**

A.) TRANSCRIPTS/APPROVED SUBSTITUTION:

Applications will not be considered without a transcript or approved substitution. High school seniors or graduates who have not enrolled in post-secondary education must submit transcripts which include their cumulative GPA. Students enrolled in college or technical school must submit their most recent two (2) years transcripts, including high school, if applicable. Applicants who have been out of school for more than two (2) years may submit transcripts or may substitute no less than two (2) employment references. Cumulative GPA will be a consideration in awarding the scholarships; however, GPA is not the only consideration. This application includes the following attachments (check all that apply):

Transcripts covering the most recent two (2) scholastic years. [] References from at least two (2) current or former employers. []

B.) LETTERS OF REFERENCE:

All applications must include at least one (1) letter of reference from a non-family member recommending the applicant for the KYGWA Scholarship. The letter(s) may be from school officials, guidance counselors, teachers, employers or other community leaders.

C.) ESSAY AND QUESTION RESPONSE:

All applications must include an essay and response to one question. The essay must be type-written, double spaced and not a minimum of 500 words. Essays will be judged on grammar, punctuation, spelling and content. The response to the question is separate, but just as important. The judgment of the scholarship committee is final.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

In preparing your essay, please clearly respond to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to continue your education?
2. What are your personal, educational and career goals?
3. If awarded a KYGWA Scholarship, how will you utilize it to benefit your community and the world?

Additionally, include at least one paragraph addressing the following:

1. How would you utilize this Scholarship to improve the sustainability of groundwater resources?
2. How will your career be impacted by the availability of water resources?
3. How can your life choices impact the quality of water in your life?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION:

On a separate page, applicants will respond to the following question:

What role has the Kentucky Groundwater Association played in your life and the life of your family?

6.) ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Please list any clubs, organizations, extracurricular activities, charities or hobbies that you are active in:

7.) SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

By my signature below, I am certifying that all information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true. I understand that I am applying for this scholarship of my own free will and that the scholarship committee is under no obligation to award this scholarship to me.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Submit completed application to:

Kentucky Groundwater Association
Attn.: Scholarship Committee
153 Booger Hollow Road
Gray, KY 40734

Electronic submissions will be accepted.
Please contact Danny Kelly, Kevin Moses or Todd Mills for details.

Thank you and good luck to all applicants!

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Deadline for submission is May 15 of each calendar year.
Applications received after the May 15 deadline will not be considered.
Applicants may reapply each year but must submit a new application.

Please read and understand all scholarship application requirements. Submit the completed application package to:

Kentucky Groundwater Association
Attn.: Scholarship Committee
153 Booger Hollow Road
Gray, KY 40734

For additional information, please contact:

Danny Kelly, Scholarship Committee Chairman
270-653-6708

Todd W. Mills, KYGWA President
270.339.1270

Tommy Lawson, KYGWA Vice President
859.428.3300

Kevin R. Moses, KYGWA Treasurer
606.524.5550

On an annual basis, the Kentucky Groundwater Association awards scholarships to eligible students enrolled or enrolling in college, vocational school or other approved post-secondary educational institution. The scholarship may be utilized for tuition, books, lab fees or other direct educational expenses. Each recipient may receive the scholarship up to two (2) times but must submit a new application each year.

ELIGIBILITY:

Students of all ages and courses of study are encouraged to apply for the scholarship; however, priority is given to any student pursuing a course of study directly related to the groundwater industry (i.e.: well drilling, geology, environmental engineering, etc.). In order to qualify, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Groundwater Association OR be the child, grandchild or spouse of a member. A member in good standing is a current member who has maintained active membership for at least the previous three (3) calendar years.
- Be a high school senior, high school graduate (including GED), college undergraduate or enrolled in an accredited vocational school or program.
- Maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale) for the most recent two (2) years of formal education. (Please provide transcripts documenting cumulative GPA.) Any applicant who has been out of school for more than two (2) years may submit transcripts for the most recent two (2) years completed or two (2) employment related recommendations.
- In order to be considered for the scholarship, each applicant must complete the attached application, including completion of the required essay and providing transcripts, as requested.

- Submit the application packet to the scholarship committee by May 15 of each year.

PROCEDURE:

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must complete the application packet and submit it to the scholarship committee by May 15. Incomplete, inaccurate, late or fraudulent applications will not be considered. Applicants may apply for the scholarship during multiple years but will only be awarded the scholarship a maximum of two (2) times. Application for the scholarship does not guarantee award of the scholarship. The scholarship committee shall make all final determinations regarding disbursement of funds.

REVIEW:

All eligible applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee will give special consideration to any applicant pursuing a course of study in a groundwater related field. Evaluations and awards will be based on the following:

- Academic achievement, GPA, honors and scholastic involvement
- Quality of the essay, including grammar, writing style, content and accuracy
- Community involvement, extracurricular activities, charity work, etc.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

Successful applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by the scholarship committee no later than June 30. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the financial aid department of the educational institution in which the applicant is enrolled before the beginning of the Fall semester. Funds MUST be utilized during the scholastic year for which they are awarded.