

## WEST CENTRAL BRANCH

### **ATTN: Professors, Instructors, Teaching Staff, Students and Academic Advisors**

I would like to take a moment to introduce you to West Central Branch of the Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) and present a scholarship opportunity for University/College students.

The Ontario Public Works Association is part of an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public work goods and services. The West Central Branch of the OPWA was formed in 2005. Our focus is to provide a forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies and bring important public works related topics to public attention in local, provincial and federal arenas.

Each year the West Central Branch awards scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing or already pursuing a related career path. The field of public works is a large and diverse one. Areas of responsibility within public works include but are not limited to transportation, utilities, solid waste, emergency management, land development, water and wastewater management and road maintenance. Careers can range from engineers to fiscal managers, to heavy equipment operators, to water and wastewater plant operators, and scientists

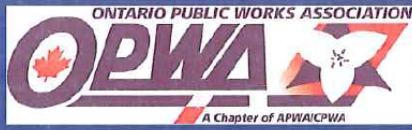
Applicants must be a University/College undergraduate or graduate student whose principal residence is within Norfolk, Wellington and Brant Counties, the Cities of Hamilton, Guelph and Brantford and the regions of Waterloo, Halton and Niagara. Accredited university and colleges within the jurisdiction of West Central Branch of OPWA are being invited to participate in this.

Enclosed is the scholarship application along with an explanation of the program and guidelines. You are encouraged to share this opportunity for financial assistance with interested students. The deadline for applications is January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and award notification is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you should have any questions regarding this scholarship, please do not hesitate to call me at (519) 837-2601 X-2270 or email me at [Joedk@wellington.ca](mailto:Joedk@wellington.ca)

Sincerely

**Joe de Koning**

**Chair, West Central Branch, OPWA**



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### **2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**FOR CANDIDATES PURSUING A DEGREE IN THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN PUBLIC WORKS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, SOLID WASTE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LAND DEVELOPMENT, WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.**

The Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) is a non-profit educational and membership organization whose purpose shall be the advancement of the theory and practice of the design, construction, maintenance, administration and operation of public works facilities and services; the dissemination of information and experience upon, and the promotion of improved practices in public works administration; the encouragement of the adherence by public works officials to the promotion of cooperation among all public, quasi-public, and private persons, firms, corporations, bodies, utilities and agencies which have interests in the field of public works.

In line with our purpose, the OPWA has established a Mission to promote professional excellence; understanding of and competency and credibility in public works. This Mission is further served by delivering technical workshops, seminars, educational conferences, trade shows and credentialing combined with the offering of educational scholarships to further support students working towards an undergraduate or graduate degree in a public works related field.

To fulfill our Mission, the West Central Branch of the Ontario Public Works Association is sponsoring a scholarship program for Candidates pursuing a degree in as noted above.

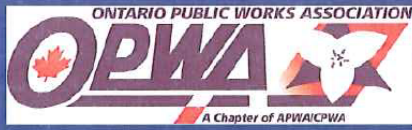
#### **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS APPLICATION:**

Application forms are available on the OPWA website at [www.ontario.cpwa.net](http://www.ontario.cpwa.net). Applicants may reapply yearly for scholarship awards, provided a new application is submitted each time.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Students who are currently registered in an accredited university or college during the Fall 2020 Semester or Winter 2021 Semester at the undergraduate or graduate level whose major course of study encompasses the field of Engineering, Environmental, Landscape Architecture, Public Works Administration or other programs within the public works related field are eligible.

Students may be part time or full time at universities or colleges; however, candidates must be seeking a diploma or degree. Candidate's primary residence must be within the geographic boundaries of the West Central Branch of the OPWA. This area includes Norfolk, Wellington and Brant Counties, the Cities of Hamilton, Guelph and Brantford and the Regions of Waterloo, Halton and Niagara. Active members of the West Central Branch Scholarship Committee of the OPWA Chapter and their family members are ineligible to participate.



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### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Candidates who receive monies from other sources are eligible to apply for this award. Financial need is only one of the many criteria to be reviewed in determining most qualified candidates.

### AWARD AMOUNT:

The 2020-21 awards will be maximum of two (2) \$1500 scholarships in the categories listed below. Following review of all applicants, the Branch may also consider issuing additional scholarships. The Branch reserves the right to not issue a scholarship if no submitted application is deemed to indicate that a scholarship issuance is warranted.

1. College Student: Awarded to a college student pursuing a 2 year or 3 year diploma and is seeking a diploma in the related fields (refer to eligibility criteria).
2. University Student: Awarded to a university student who is pursuing a degree in the related disciplines (refer to eligibility criteria).

### DEADLINE:

All application materials must be postmarked on or before January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and submitted to the current Scholarship Committee Chairperson. The scholarship will be awarded at the Annual General Body Meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### AWARD:

Award monies will be disbursed prior to the start of the educational course or seminar following the award notification. A letter will be send to the university or college informing of the award. The award cheque will be made payable to the student.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 AND SENT TO:

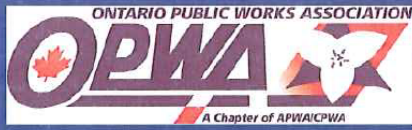
JOE DE KONING

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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EMAIL: [Joedk@wellington.ca](mailto:Joedk@wellington.ca)

Questions can also be directed to Amanda Beattie or Denis Viens Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Person.



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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

Please do not bind the application as it will be scanned and distributed to members of the committee for review.

- All attachments should have the applicant's name on them
- Submit an official copy of a transcript of your grades for the previous two semesters or terms. A sealed copy is not required. Web transcripts are acceptable.
- List the courses you are presently taking, along with a brief description of each
- All candidates must list a reference who may be an instructor, academic counselor, public works professional or person other than family member who is knowledgeable of the applicant's interest in the public works field. Reference from a supervisor if has already undertaken a co-op would be advisable.
- Essay Section (Attached Form)

Please answer the questions on the attached form accurately and honestly. Please provide a separate section for each question.

Applications must be post marked, emailed by January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Questions may be addressed to the Committee Co-Chairs:

**Joe de Koning**

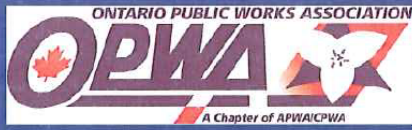
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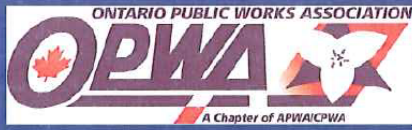
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### GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

<b>CANDIDATE INFORMATION</b>		
<b>NAME:</b>		
<i>Please circle as applicable:</i>		
2020/21 Program	2020/21 Full Time Student	2020/21 Program
2020/21 Part-Time Student		
HOME ADDRESS:	MAILING ADDRESS (if different):	
CITY:	CITY:	
PROVINCE:	PROVINCE:	
POSTAL CODE:	POSTAL CODE:	
HOME PHONE:	ALT PHONE:	
EMAIL:		

<b>POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION</b>		
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE NAME:		
PROGRAM NAME:		
DEGREE NAME:		
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:		
<b>SCHOOL CONTACT (Dean/Advisor/Professor)</b>		
NAME:		
PHONE:		
EMAIL:		

<b>REFERENCE</b>		
REFERENCE NAME:		
REFERENCE EMPLOYER:		
EMPLOYER ADDRESS:		
CITY:	PROVINCE:	POSTAL CODE:
PHONE:	EMAIL:	
OPWA CHAPTER/BRANCH AFFILIATION (if any):		



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### GENERAL INFORMATION FORM (Continued) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND NEED

Please provide details on any financial programs from which you did or will receive monies. Please be specific. We will only consider providing scholarships toward tuition, books, fees, supplies, and equipment if required of all students in the course. Please provide Room and Board information to assist in evaluating need.

**Note:** *Total Dollar Value between need and assistance should match.*

ANTICIPATED NEED	WINTER 2021	SPRING 2021
Tuition and Fees		
Books, Supplies and Equipment		
Room and Board		
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED NEED</b>		

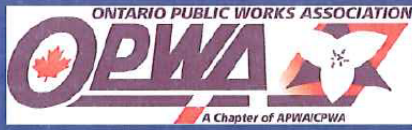
*Total Monies Received (be specific and outline each fund source, e.g. grants, scholarships, assistantships)*

ANTICIPATED ASSISTANCE	WINTER 2021	SPRING 2021
Familial Contribution		
Loans		
Grants		
Other		
Expected contribution from self		
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED ASSISTANCE</b>		

I certify that all the information submitted in this application to be true and correct. I further certify that neither I nor any member of my family is an officer, director or a member of the West Central Ontario Branch Scholarship Committee, Ontario Chapter.

Applicant Signature

Date



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#### ESSAY SECTION

NAME:

DATE:

**MAX. WORDS: 1000**

ALL:

- 1) Describe your field of study or your anticipated degree program and detail the type of career you expect to find in a Public Works organization due to your educational background. Include your minor course of study, if any.
- 2) Please list your extracurricular activities.
- 3) What skills have you developed during your extracurricular activities that you feel will be important to your chosen career?
- 4) Are there any other items you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider?

*For current students that are studying part or full time:*

- 1) Please describe one course or co-op experience that you feel has prepared you for a career in Public Works, specifically your chosen type of employment in ALL – Question 1.