

Professional Development Scholarship Application SC APWA Midlands Branch

The purpose of this scholarship program is to support public works professionals in the Midlands Branch area who are interested in opportunities for continued training, education, and professional development in their field. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend a SC APWA Midlands Branch meeting to receive the award.

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently employed in a field related to public works, either with an agency or with a private company. Applicants must work in the area served by the Midlands Branch (Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, and Sumter). Scholarship funds may be used to support costs directly related to a training, education, or professional development event. These costs may include registration, course materials, travel expenses, or lodging and meal expenses.

Scholarship Availability: The Midlands Branch will award scholarships up to \$500. Only one scholarship will be awarded per individual per year. The Midlands Branch will determine how many scholarships to award annually based on available funding and qualifying applications received.

Application Schedule: Applications will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis until available funds for the fiscal year are expended, or at the discretion of the Midlands Branch Board.

Application Instructions: To apply, please complete the information below on the application. Supporting documentation is requested to justify the amount of funding requested. This documentation can include registration webpages, mileage estimates, and/or per diem calculations. If additional supporting documentation is needed, the scholarship committee will contact the applicant to request this.

Administration of Funds: Scholarship funds will be paid on a reimbursable basis, following the submission of receipts. The applicant may submit information on the anticipated expenses associated the education/training event, and the Midlands Branch can provide a letter confirming the amount of funds to be reimbursed. If this scholarship is used to attend a Midlands Branch or SC APWA event, then registration for the event can be paid directly by the Midlands Branch. For additional questions please contact Frances Bryan at the email address below, or 803.545.3544. Scholarships may be awarded directly to individuals or to their sponsoring agency or firm.

Return applications to Frances Bryan at Frances.Bryan@columbiasc.gov.

Applicant Information: Name: ______Email: ______ Mailing Address: _____City: ____Zip: ____ Phone number: _____ Employer: _____Job title: _____ Supervisor Information (SC APWA Midlands Branch may contact applicant's supervisor to confirm educational event attendance) Name: ______Title: _____ Phone Number: _____Email: _____ Scholarship Request: Education/Training Event: ______ Website (if applicable): ______ Date: _______ Location: ______ Amount of Funds Requested: \$______ (Supporting documentation should be attached to this application) Please provide a short narrative description of the education or training event: