For More Information

For an Application Form or additional information, contact:

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Application Deadline

The completed application must be submitted to the Institute on or before:

February 15

The future of Kentucky’s environment is in your hands.
SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarships are intended to cover the cost of in-state tuition, room and board, books, and fees at a state public university in Kentucky. The amount of support is determined from information provided by the Financial Aid Office at the respective university. Students who accept the scholarship are obligated for employment with the Department following graduation.

QUALIFICATION

Applicants must be or become enrolled as full-time students in a public university in Kentucky. By their initial funded semester, they must have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours or met the entrance requirements for a graduate program. Major course work must be in one of the disciplines identified by the Department as a critical need.

SELECTION

Scholarship recipients are selected on a competitive basis. Selection criteria include grade point average, a written essay, letters of recommendation, and evidence of leadership/service. Upon receiving the recommendations of the KWRRI, the Department will invite candidates for personal interviews. Scholarship contracts will be extended to students whom the Department thinks have the greatest promise as future employees.

PROGRAM BASICS

Environmental Protection Scholarships are available to college juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Scholarships can be provided for up to four semesters. The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection sponsors this scholarship program through the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute (KWRRI). Scholarships will be awarded to students in academic disciplines that are of critical need to the Department. These needs vary from year to year but often disciplines within:

- biology,
- chemistry,
- engineering, and
- geology.

Graduates will work for Department divisions reviewing permits, working with engineering designs, designing monitoring plans, running tests on air, water or soil samples, or assessing risks of various substances to human health and the environment.

EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION

To be awarded a scholarship, the recipient must agree by contract to work full-time for the Department immediately after graduation. The terms of the employment obligation are six months of employment for each semester of financial aid. Summer employment can be provided for students not enrolled in school.

CONDITIONS

A student awarded a scholarship must maintain full-time status, make normal progress toward the degree program indicated, and maintain a satisfactory grade point average leading to graduation. Any scholarship recipient who fails to meet these criteria may be dropped from the program. A recipient who fails to meet the terms of the scholarship contract will be expected to make repayment with interest.

Applications must be submitted to KWRRI on or before February 15 each year.

Put your environmental principles and academic training to work for Kentucky’s environment!