2010 Scholarship Announcement
West Michigan Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association

The West Michigan Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association (WMAWMA) is pleased to announce the availability of up to three (3) $1,500.00 scholarships to be awarded to selected students pursuing a career in environmental management. Each successful applicant will receive a one-year student WMAWMA membership.

NAME:
West Michigan Chapter Air & Waste Management Association Environmental Scholarship

PURPOSE:
To provide financial support to students studying for a career in air pollution control, hazardous waste management or another environmental management field.

ELIGIBILITY:
1. Geographic area
   A. Applicants attending any accredited college or university in Michigan and
   B. WMAWMA chapter members and their children who are pursuing an environmentally related degree, or whose studies include an environmental concentration, at an accredited college or university located within or outside of Michigan.

2. Academic level or major
   A. At the start of the term for which the scholarship is sought, applicants must be attending full time and pursuing a course of study leading to a career in air pollution control, hazardous waste management or another environmental management field. Preferred courses of study include environmental engineering, physical or natural sciences, or natural resources. If in doubt as to the suitability of a curriculum or course of study, contact the Scholarship Chairperson by letter.
   B. Applicants must be in or going into a Junior or Senior undergraduate class standing and have declared their major, or in or going into graduate school pursuing a graduate degree.
   C. Merit will be of primary interest, and the applicant should have at least a “B” average, i.e., 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale. Extracurricular activities and interests will also be considered.

CONDITIONS AND RENEWALS:
This is a scholarship of $1,500.00 per student. The scholarship will be awarded on or before January 31, 2010. The check will be made out in the name of the student and the university or college, and may be used only for tuition, books, laboratory fees, or other expenditures for academic purposes.

An unsuccessful applicant may resubmit an application for a subsequent year. A successful applicant may also resubmit an application for another year, if the scholarship is continued.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:
The applicant must submit the following by email or in hard copy:

1. A paper of between 500 and 600 words reflecting interests and objectives. This will be of primary interest to the scholarship panel.

2. Identify the student’s activities that support Air & Waste Management Association goals, e.g., student chapter.

3. The name and phone number of a professor, academic advisor or department chair who has agreed to provide a recommendation for the applicant, and who can confirm the applicant’s course of study and academic status. A recommendation need not be submitted with the application.

4. A resume showing all full- and part-time employment since high school graduation and while in college, semesters with dates of attendance, and extra-curricular activities listed in chronological order.

5. Statement of major, GPA, and year in school or graduate school. A copy of transcripts of college work (an “official transcript”) is not required, but the GPA is subject to verification.

Each applicant must send all the required items with a cover letter. All entries must be post-marked or emailed on or before December 1, 2009. None will be returned. The cover letter should include a brief summary of your application submittal.

The application package should be sent to:
West Michigan Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association
c/o James P. Enright
Scholarship Chairperson
Miller Johnson
250 Monroe Avenue, NW, Ste. 800
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
or emailed to:
enrightj@millerjohnson.com

SELECTION:
The entries will be evaluated by a panel representing the diverse membership of WMAWMA. If, in the opinion of the panel, suitable entries are not received, no scholarship will be awarded. In all cases, the decision of the panel will be final.

FUNDING:
The funding will be provided from the funds of the WMAWMA which are derived from membership fees and corporate sponsorships.