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## Scholarship Application Packet

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### **Qualifications:**

Applications will be considered from those who:

- will be this year or are now a full-time master's student, doctoral student or post-doctoral researcher, and
- have a clearly demonstrated interest in solid waste management research.

Scholarships recognize graduate students pursuing excellence in solid waste management research and education. Recipients are chosen based on credentials and potential contributions to the solid waste industry and its scientific community.

### **Awards are based on:**

- Academic performance
- Professional experience
- Relevance of one's work to the advancement of solid waste management science
- Potential for success

Award amounts consider the cost of tuition at the recipient's institution and any other funds received. Full scholarships may not be awarded to students who will be receiving full-tuition scholarships from other sources (excluding direct university assistance such as tuition remission, or assistantship income) but may still be considered for partial awards.

Doctoral and post-doctoral scholarships are awarded up to a maximum of \$12,000 per year and paid monthly. Doctoral/post-doctoral scholarships are renewable each year to a maximum of three years from the initial award date. Master's scholarships are awarded up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and renewable each year to a maximum of two years from the initial award date. Scholarship renewal is dependent upon satisfactory progress as determined by the student's academic advisor.

All qualified candidates will be considered for scholarships without regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, or disability. Applications from students outside the United States or studying abroad will receive equal consideration. Award decisions by the Environmental Research and Education Foundation and its directors are final and not subject to appeal.

If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Staley at (919) 673-5305 or via email ([bstaley@erefdn.org](mailto:bstaley@erefdn.org)).

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
**Scholarship Program Application Instructions**

**Application Materials (all items are REQUIRED)**

1. **Signed application form.** Submit one original only.
2. **Official college transcripts.** Contact the registrar from each college or university attended and have official transcripts sent directly to the Environmental Research and Education Foundation. If your name was different on previous transcripts, note this when requesting the transcript and notify the Environmental Research and Education Foundation. For students attending institutions that do not issue transcripts, send other appropriate documentation. Transcripts (or other appropriate documentation) **are required** for a complete application package and **must be postmarked by the application deadline** to receive consideration.
3. **Admission test scores:** Students currently enrolled in a degree program (undergraduates or graduate students) should submit one copy (*not* original) of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) results. GRE scores are **REQUIRED** unless sufficient justification can be provided. International students can find local test centers via ETS's GRE website ([www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre)). Students ineligible to take the GRE, who took the GRE >5 years ago, or who have taken exams other than the GRE (i.e. SAT, GMAT) should contact EREF prior to submitting an application to ensure these test results will be considered. A report stamped "*Candidate's Copy*" will suffice. Be sure to give your name, address, date of birth, social security number (or equivalent), school, and the location and date that you took the test. Scores should be included with the other application materials and sent to EREF by the applicant.
4. **Three recommendations:** A recommendation form is included in this application packet. This form should be copied and distributed to three individuals who can comment on your academic or career performance and your potential for future success. At least two of the recommendations must be less than one year old. The recommendation form should be completed and **returned to you** in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature over the sealed flap. Recommendations will not be considered if they arrive in unsealed envelopes, or in envelopes that do not bear the recommender's signature. **Submit all recommendations with your application package.**
5. **Essays:** One copy of each of the following essays (please number pages):
  - a) an autobiographical statement (<500 words) that includes your career goals and any talents/interests you have that make you stand out as a candidate for an EREF Scholarship
  - b) a discussion of your research topic (<750 words) that includes project objectives and the work's relevance to the advancement of solid waste management.

Essays should be submitted typed, double-spaced, unbound and unstapled, with pages numbered, on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (international students using A4 paper must make sure text fits inside an 8 1/2 x 11 area). Candidates submitting material in any language other than English must provide an English translation.

**Send the completed application materials via mail or email (PDF only) to:**

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Environmental Research and Education Foundation  
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Raleigh, NC 27609  
[scholarships@erefdn.org](mailto:scholarships@erefdn.org)

**Deadline for Applications:**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY

**April 30, 2010**

**Final Round Selection:**

Applicants will be notified in writing of their status by late June.



## College Information

What institution are you currently enrolled in? \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Degree expected \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying for admission to a graduate program, please list the program(s) to which you have applied and the date you have received (or expect to receive) a decision:

University \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Program \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Data

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship (country): \_\_\_\_\_

State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your total expected tuition and living expenses (e.g. housing, utilities, food, etc.) for the coming academic year?

Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_ Living Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you receive funding from a source other than your family or a job for the coming academic year? Please include any assistantships, stipends, research scholarships, job-related scholarships, etc.

Yes  No

If yes, provide the name of each program and an estimate of how much of your expenses will be covered by each funding source.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Environmental Research and Education Foundation?

Scholarship listing  Faculty member  Student  Industry employee  Internet search

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Test Scores**

Please enter the scores and percentiles you received on the applicable test.

SAT/ACT \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_% ) / \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_% ) / \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_% )  
Verbal Math Writing

GRE \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_% ) / \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_% ) / \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_% )  
Verbal Quantitative Analytical

**Educational Background**

List all colleges, universities, graduate institutions, and professional schools you have attended and are currently attending in chronological order beginning with current or most recent school.

Institution/Location (city, state)	Dates Attended	Degree	Date Awarded
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**Academic Performance**

What is the grade point average at the institution in which you are currently enrolled? If you have been at your current institution for less than one year, use the GPA from the last institution you attended.

GPA = \_\_\_\_\_ out of a possible \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended or required to withdraw from any school or college?

Yes  No *If yes, explain fully on an attached sheet.*

College academic honors received (attach a separate sheet if extra space is required):

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Collegiate extracurricular activities in order of their importance to you:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Offices Held</u>	<u>Years</u>

Is there any reason that your academic credentials underestimate your potential?  
(Please use a separate page if necessary.)

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**Professional History**

If your studies have not been continuous, please list your professional/employment history. Include military service, if any:

<u>Company/Location (city, state)</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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List business, professional, and community organizations in which you have been active:

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List journal articles, technical reports, patents, books, or other work of creative significance:

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1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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2. What do you consider his or her most outstanding talents or characteristics?

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3. What are the applicant's chief liabilities or weaknesses that may affect his or her future academic and career performance?

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**\*\* Please complete the following even if sending a separate letter \*\***

4. Please use the scale provided to rate the applicant in relation to his or her peers.

Communication Skills:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
    Poor Bottom 1/3     Unable to Judge

Intellectual Curiosity:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
    Poor Bottom 1/3     Unable to Judge

Organization and Focus:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
    Poor Bottom 1/3     Unable to Judge

Professional Attitude:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
    Poor Bottom 1/3     Unable to Judge

Capacity for Self-Criticism:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
    Poor Bottom 1/3     Unable to Judge

Integrity:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
    Poor Bottom 1/3     Unable to Judge

Originality:             Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
                               Poor Bottom 1/3        Unable to Judge

Persistence:            Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
                               Poor Bottom 1/3        Unable to Judge

Capacity for hard Work:  Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
                               Poor Bottom 1/3        Unable to Judge

Analytical Ability:     Exceptional Top 2%     Excellent Top 10%     Good Top 1/3     Average Middle 1/3  
                               Poor Bottom 1/3        Unable to Judge

5. Check one:

I strongly recommend this applicant for a scholarship.

I recommend this applicant for a scholarship.

I recommend this applicant with some reservation.

I do not recommend this applicant for a scholarship.

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Signature

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Date

Name: (print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_