Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association (ACWWA) 2026 Scholarship Competition

ACWWA is pleased to offer three different scholarships for students pursuing careers in the water and wastewater industry. Candidates will be considered for all three scholarships through one application submission. Descriptions of the three scholarships are provided below followed by requirements for the application process.

Lloyd Douglas Scholarship

The Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association (ACWWA) established this scholarship in 2010 in recognition of dedicated service rendered by long-time member and tireless ACWWA supporter, Lloyd Douglas. ACWWA is a '*Section*' of the *American Water Works Association* (AWWA) and a '*Member Association*' of *Water Environment Federation* (WEF). **ACWWA** is comprised of over 550 water professionals from Atlantic Canada representing the water and wastewater industry from a number of disciplines including *System Design & Consulting*, *Utility Management & Operations*, *Academia & Students*, and *Service Providers & Contractors*. The **goals** of the association under its *Strategic Plan* are to:

- *Support* industry best practices
- *Provide* our industry with an education for the future
- *Promote* information exchange in the water and wastewater industry
- *Conduct* annual conferences
- *Enhance* government relations
- *Increase/optimize* membership
- *Improve* our Association's effectiveness

Number and Value: Up to Five awards with a value of $1,000 each plus a one-year student membership to the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and ACWWA (one winner for each Atlantic Canadian province: NB, NL, NS, and PEI, and one available to the next strongest applicant)

Craig Kelman & Associates Scholarship

As the publisher of *Go with the Flow*, the official publication of the Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association, Craig Kelman & Associates has a deep appreciation for the readers and members of ACWWA whose task it is to ensure that water taken from and put back into our precious mother earth is clean and safe for the people, animals and plants whose very existence depends upon it. To demonstrate their admiration and respect for the association, its members and the water industry as a whole, they have established a yearly educational scholarship of $500 to be funded through a percentage of advertising sales generated in *Go with the Flow*.

Number and Value: One yearly cash award with a value of $500 plus a one-year membership to the American Water Works Association and ACWWA.

Bill Butler Scholarship (2026 Competition)

Bill Butler was a lifelong contributor to the water and wastewater industry in Atlantic Canada and a very active member of ACWWA and AWWA. Bill spent much of his career at the Saint John City's Water and Sewerage Department, but ended his legacy as the Commissioner of Community Services in Saint John. Two of Bill's biggest interests were people and water, which combined in his appointment as President of Water for People – Canada from 1994 until retirement. In whatever area Bill worked he showed enthusiasm, professionalism and above all, a true interest in the people he worked with. He gave those working in the water and wastewater sector a sense of team pride in providing such essential services to citizens. Bill Butler passed away in 2018 and in his honour, ACWWA has

established a yearly educational scholarship of $1500, where $1000 is awarded to the successful applicant and $500 is donated to Water for People.

Number and Value: One yearly cash award with a value of $1000 plus a one-year membership to the American Water Works Association and ACWWA. A $500 donation to Water for People will be simultaneously given in the name of the ACWWA Bill Butler Scholarship.

Tenure: All scholarships are for one year (non-renewable)

Eligibility: An applicant shall

- be registered as a student in a water/wastewater related program in an Atlantic Canadian university, community college, institute of technology or other institution; and
- intend to pursue a career related to the water or wastewater industry.

Assessment criteria:

- Academic record in last year of study (20%);
- Statement/essay (60%); and
- Work experience and extracurricular activities (20%).

Preference will be given to a candidate with a demonstrated interest in working in the water or wastewater treatment, collection or distribution sectors.

Application: The application shall include

- Name of the scholarship you are applying for;
- a short biography, a recent photo and contact information including name, phone number, mailing and email addresses;
- a 500-word statement or essay of the applicant's interest, knowledge and future goals in the water/wastewater industry together with applicable work experience or extracurricular activities;
- a description/list of planned future studies; and
- a transcript showing courses completed in the last year of study

ACWWA **accepts only electronic applications** which should be submitted online at www.acwwa.ca by **November 15, 2026.** Scanned copies of supporting documents are required.

Selection: Selection will be based on the principle of open and equal opportunity and carried out by the *Scholarships Committee.* The award winners will be announced in the following February.

The Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association strives to create an inclusive, diverse and equitable culture for all members, volunteers and staff. The ACWWA is committed to proactively engaging a workforce of all experience levels and skillsets that reflects the changing demographics of those served by promoting volunteer opportunities that will encourage diversity at the board, committee, and membership levels of the association. The ACWWA understands that its success depends on the full utilization and engagement of all members.