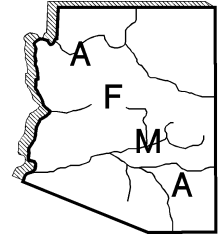


# ARIZONA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

## SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE AND SELECTION CRITERIA

February 14, 2012



### A. Scholarship Established

The Arizona Floodplain Management Association (AFMA) will establish a scholarship for students enrolled in University of Arizona.

### B. Purpose of the Scholarship

This scholarship is established for the purpose of promoting the education of water resource professionals in order to help meet the goals of the AFMA. The purpose and objective of AFMA is to provide a means of local representation on a statewide basis regarding policies and activities dealing with floodplain management within the State of Arizona. This includes promoting the common interest in flood hazard mitigation, enhancing cooperation between the various related private, local, state and federal agencies, and encouraging and ensuring new and innovative approaches to managing the state's floodplains.

### C. Scholarship Overview:

1. An award of \$2,000 per student per school year may be granted, disbursed one-half for fall semester and one-half for spring semester.
2. Relatives of AFMA members are eligible. AFMA members with friends or family members applying for a scholarship must exclude themselves from the review and award process.
3. A target of a minimum of one undergraduate or one graduate scholarship per year. AFMA reserves the right to not grant any scholarships in any given year.
4. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, student housing, and water resources related conferences or professional development course registration fees.
5. Scholarship applications will be accepted, reviewed and awarded by the AFMA Board of Directors with administrative support from the university.
6. The AFMA Board of Directors will administer the scholarship funds.

### D. AFMA Scholarship Award Criteria:

1. Student must major in one of the following areas of study:
  - Civil Engineering (with water resources emphasis),
  - Water Resources including surface water hydrology and hydraulics,
  - Watershed Management,
  - Agricultural Engineering,
  - Geomorphology, or
  - Enrolled in a floodplain management accredited program approved by the AFMA Board of Directors.

2. Undergraduates must be a minimum 3rd year (junior) student and within 40 credit hours of graduation. Applicant must show a minimum of 6-credit hours in one of the fields of study listed by the end of the two semesters for which the scholarship applies. The 6-hours can either be passed in previous semesters or 3-hours signed up for in the semester for which the scholarship will first apply, and 3-hours in the following semester.
3. Graduates: Must be enrolled in a masters program in one of the fields listed above.
4. The applicant must provide a two page written statement including the following:
  - a. Explanation of why the applicant applied for a scholarship from AFMA.
  - b. Description of the applicant's professional goals for the future and how this scholarship will help the applicant achieve those goals.
  - c. Demonstration of past or on-going leadership in an area related to water resources, such as serving in a student professional society and/or including a list and description of any student awards received.
5. Applicant must submit at least two letters of recommendation from the applicant's professors in the water resources field, student advisor, or from water resources professionals in the community.
6. Applicant must maintain full-time student status.
7. Applicant must maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average, and provide a copy of applicant's university transcripts.
8. Applicant must be a US citizen or a permanent resident of the US.
9. Preference will be given to AFMA members and AFMA student members. Applicants are encouraged to visit the AFMA WEB site at [www.azfma.org](http://www.azfma.org) for more information about the AFMA.
10. Preference may be given to students who meet all the above criteria and demonstrate a financial need by incorporating economic circumstances into their written statement. All information submitted in this regard will be treated as confidential.

## **E. Procedure**

Final scholarship recipients shall be selected by the AFMA from ASU, U of A and/or NAU. The annual scholarship award(s) will be disbursed one-half for fall semester and one-half for spring semester to one or more students enrolled at these universities.