

California Water Policy Conference 25
Silver Anniversary, No Silver Bullet
UC Davis Conference Center
April 20 & 21, 2016

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Background: The 25th annual California Water Policy Conference offers participants an opportunity to learn about some of the most important, controversial, and challenging issues and opportunities facing water policy decision makers in the state. The CWP conference planning committee pursues the best plenary speakers and workshop panelists from around California. These experts represent the diverse stakeholder perspectives and interests involved in water issues. This two-day conference will advance the discussion and further everyone on the path toward creative solutions for the complex and often polarizing problems involving our state's water supply and quality.

Who Should Apply: An applicant must demonstrate how he/she can put to use the information presented at the conference. Nonprofit organizations and graduate/undergraduate students are eligible to apply. Consideration will be given to those with financial need, who without assistance would otherwise be unable to attend. Particular attention will be given to those with diverse perspectives on California water policy.

How To Apply: Fill out the accompanying form and email it by 5 pm on Friday, March 11, 2016, to: Debbi Dodson, ddodson@san.rr.com (Call 858-272-6804, if you need assistance.) Scholarship applications will not be accepted after this date and time.

What the Scholarship Offers: The scholarship is based, in part, on financial need as conveyed in your application. If awarded a scholarship, the recipient of the scholarship is required to contribute the following costs: \$50 scholarship registration fee, which includes all conference sessions and lunch. (Note: the scholarship does not include the tour on Thursday afternoon.) For those applicants outside of the Sacramento Valley region, scholarship funds may provide financial assistance for hotel lodging by subsidizing one night's lodging at the conference hotel (shared with one other scholarship recipient of the same gender); and transportation assistance (e.g., reimbursing costs associated with mileage, airfare, train). Those local to the Sacramento Valley region must cover their own travel costs; accommodation for overnight lodging will not be offered. The scholarship is valued at between \$160 and \$450 depending on hotel and transportation needs.

How Scholars will be Selected: The conference scholarship committee will review, screen, and deliberate on all scholarship applications received. This committee will choose among applicants based on their brief, but clearly written answers to the questions in the scholarship application. Other factors the committee will consider include financial needs, references and diverse points of view.

When Applicants will be Notified: Applicants will be notified no later than March 18, 2016.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
(also available at www.cawaterpolicy.org)
Due no later than March 11, 2016

Name:

Occupation:

Organizational Affiliation/School

Mailing Address (include city, state, and zip code):

Phone:

E-mail:

Reference: (include name, profession, organizational affiliation and phone number)

Financial Assistance (Applicable to those applicants outside of the Sacramento Valley Region)

1. Need hotel room (double occupancy, one night only)?
2. Need assistance with airfare or other transportation costs?

Please prepare a paper that includes a short and concisely written response to each question as follows:

- 1. What are your interests in the California Water Policy Conference and how does it relate to your profession, academic studies and/or career prospects?**
- 2. If you are a student, what is your academic level and major academic focus (i.e., undergraduate, graduate, Ph.D. candidate; economics, climate change, public policy, civil engineering, etc.)?**
- 3. What particular conference workshops are you interested in attending and why?**

4. What do you think is the most important water policy issue decision makers are facing today?

5. Would you like to be paired with a mentor at the conference? If yes, why?

(Note: Members of our planning committee have volunteered to mentor scholarship recipients at the conference. This includes introducing the scholarship recipient to other conference attendees, providing more context on issues presented and networking, etc. Not all scholarship recipients are guaranteed a mentor.

REGISTRATION FEE:

No fee is required with this application. However, if selected, all Scholarship Recipients will pay a \$50 registration. **This fee is non-refundable.** The \$50 fee helps ensure that accepted scholars attend and to offset some expenses of the scholarship program. Please do not send in the fee with this form.

Please return this application no later than 5 pm on Friday, March 11, 2016 to the Conference Director, Debbi Dodson at ddodson@san.rr.com Email is preferred because it is easier to circulate to the conference scholarship subcommittee. However, if email is not an option, forms will be accepted by fax at 858-272-6805. **Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.**

For more details on the conference agenda, speakers and other conference-related information, please visit our website at www.cawaterpolicy.org. If you have any questions please contact Debbi Dodson at 858-272-6804 or ddodson@san.rr.com.