

Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association 2009/2010 Scholarship Application

The Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association (MSFA) is the Michigan Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). MSFA began in 1987 to promote the common interest in floodplain and stormwater management, enhance cooperation among various local, state and federal governmental agencies, and to encourage effective and innovative approaches to managing the State's floodplain and stormwater management systems. The Association's mission is to mitigate the losses, costs and human suffering caused by flooding and to promote wise use of the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains. MSFA supports comprehensive nonstructural and structural management of Michigan's floodplains and related water resources and the concept of "No Adverse Impact". MSFA members represent local, state and federal government agencies, citizen groups, private consulting firms, academia, the insurance industry, and lenders. MSFA's goals are to help the public and private sectors:

1. Reduce the loss of human life and property damage resulting from flooding.
2. Preserve the natural and cultural values of floodplains.
3. Promote flood mitigation to prevent the loss and encourage wise use of floodplains.
4. Avoid actions that exacerbate flooding and or stream degradation.
5. Promote a watershed approach to stormwater management.
6. Promote the use of best management practices to minimize accelerated erosion and control sedimentation.

Applicant Criteria:

1. Full time Junior, Senior or Graduate Student in Biosystems, Civil, or Environmental Engineering, or related Natural Resources Planning program with a specialization related to the mission and goals of the MSFA.
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above at the end of Spring Semester 2009.

Along with this completed form you **MUST** also attach:

1. A copy of your program of study showing courses remaining and a photocopy of your transcript.
2. A current resume that includes a statement of your career objectives and your graduation date.
3. A one-page typed essay highlighting your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, past and present work experiences, the occupation you propose to pursue upon graduation and your commitment to the mission and goals of the MSFA.
4. Letter of recommendation from a faculty of your department.

The academic year 2009/2010 award amount is \$1500. Applicants can expect a response by December 18, 2009. Questions may be directed to any MSFA Board Member listed under Contacts at <http://mi.floods.org>. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the MSFA Annual Conference, March 2 - 5, 2010, Double Tree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan. Awardees are encouraged to participate in the full conference as a MSFA guest.

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Local Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ University Attending: _____

Are you currently on any type of financial aid? (Please circle) Yes No

Have you received any other scholarships awards for academic year 2009/2010? Yes No

If yes to either, describe financial aid package and/or scholarship award received on a separate page and attach it to your application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMAKED BY: Monday, November 2, 2009

Mail to: MSFA, PO Box 14265, Lansing, MI 48901-4265