

Utility Scholar Program for Singapore International Water Week 2026

Water utilities continue to transform themselves, becoming innovative drivers of economic growth, resource recovery centers and anchor institutions of the communities they serve. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), and The Water Research Foundation (WRF) strongly believe that interfacing with global innovation is a key way to help water utilities continue on their journeys of transformation. The Singapore International Water Week scholarship is intended to help utility leaders in the United States engage with and learn from their peers across the globe.

Singapore International Water Week (SIWW), June 15-19, 2026, is an opportunity to see the future of water solutions unfold. SIWW is a global platform to share and co-create innovative solutions, reinforcing a commitment to the global integration of sustainable water management strategies with urban planning processes. Addressing contemporary challenges, SIWW gathers global water leaders and practitioners from the public and private sectors to engage in discussion and debate, network with key industry players, showcase leading-edge technologies and best practices, and identify practical methodologies to address water issues.

NACWA, WEF, and WRF have partnered with Singapore International Water Week to sponsor a United States delegation of high-level utility managers and collaborated to create a scholarship fund to help cover the costs associated with travel and participation in the event. Participants in the U.S. Delegation will have access to all SIWW events, plus events planned together with our host to provide special site visits and more intimate exchange opportunities.

By promoting international exchange, we hope to break down international barriers, accelerate technology transfer, and create an understanding of innovative policy options to enable resource recovery.

Scholarship recipients will be encouraged to write papers and make presentations about their experience at SIWW and will be provided forums to disseminate this information through NACWA, WEF, and WRF.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for the SIWW 2026 Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Must be employed as a high-level utility manager of a United States water or wastewater utility. **General Managers/CEOs are highly encouraged to apply!**
- Must be a member of WEF and/or work for a water or wastewater utility that is a NACWA member or WRF subscriber.
- **Use this financial award toward travel and/or registration expenses for SIWW 2026 only.**

ABOUT THE APPLICATION

Applications must be completed and submitted via email to SIWWScholarship@nacwa.org. Please have the following required documentation ready to complete your application before you begin:

- Statement of Interest - *Please tell us about 1) your interest in, and experience with, water utility innovation; 2) your motivation for applying for the scholarship; and 3) what you anticipate gaining from your SIWW experience. (No more than 750 words)*
- Current Resume
- Employer Approval Letter (Signed & Dated) - Indicating support for your participation from senior management. Utility GMs/CEOs may send a letter indicating that they have the full support of their utility and a governing body to participate.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

After completing your application, please make sure to attach your supporting documents as indicated above.

Email your completed application to SIWWScholarship@nacwa.org with the following subject line format:

SIWW 2026 Scholar Candidate, YOUR LAST NAME and FIRST NAME.

For example: Subject: SIWW 2026 Scholar Candidate, Doe, John.

Deadline to submit your completed application: December 19, 2025, by 5:00 PM EST.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

We anticipate a full scholarship to SIWW (for economy travel, lodging, and registration) will be approximately \$6,000- \$8,000. ***The scholarship committee is striving to award as many scholarships as possible, and applicants' ability to assume a portion of the cost will enable us to support more participants.***

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 26, 2025 – Application Available Online

December 19, 2025 – Application Deadline

February 13, 2026 – Recipients Notified

March 2, 2026 – Recipients Announced

Questions? Please email SIWWScholarship@nacwa.org

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