

## Rodney J. Short Memorial Scholarship Application

Rodney J. Short began working at Sussex Shores Water Company in the mid-1970s and became president of the company in 1981, after his father's retirement. Rodney and his wife started Mr. Natural Bottled Water in 1983. The water industry was a true passion of Rodney's; he was instrumental in starting the Delaware Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies in the early 1990's.

The Delaware Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies is a membership association of water professionals and water companies representing the regulated water utility industry in Delaware. NAWC Delaware serves as an information sharing and knowledge resource for members and elected officials on critical issues facing the water sector including water equity, infrastructure investment, water quality, customers and the community, and environmental stewardship.

### Eligibility

The applicant:

1. Must be a high school senior residing within the State of Delaware
2. Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited junior college, college or university for the fall semester 2024
3. Applicant must have an interest in water resources, environmental issues or engineering innovation
4. Immediate family members of the Delaware Chapter of the NAWC are ineligible

### Selection Criteria

The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a student qualified by academic performance who exhibits an interest in a water resources, environmental issue(s) or engineering innovation. Measures of academic performance include a respectable cumulative GPA for grades ten through twelve and a statement of career goals. Job history and/or volunteer information related to water resources or environmental field will also be considered.

### Application Process

Complete the attached Application Form and provide a summary of academic interests and achievements, job and/or volunteer history, extracurricular and community activities, and career goals as they relate to the above selection criteria. Summaries should be limited to 700 words. The application must include two letters of reference (they can be generic but preferably from teachers, community leaders, mentors and/or counselors) and a transcript with grades for all courses taken within the last three years. Application materials become the property of NAWC.

### Deadline

Applications and supporting materials must be received by **no later than April 30, 2024** to the Delaware Chapter of the NAWC at the address below. Word and/or PDF files sent by email will be accepted by the due date. The Delaware Chapter of the NAWC will select the scholarship recipient in early May 2024. The decision of the Committee is final. Please mail or email your application to:

[DEscholarship@nawc.com](mailto:DEscholarship@nawc.com)

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**Rodney J. Short Memorial Scholarship Application Form 2024**  
**Deadline for submission: April 30, 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

P/G Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Acceptances to Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Major: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (and scale): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Include:**

- Official high school transcript and grade scale for grades 10 – 12
- Two letters of reference (teachers, community leaders, mentors, counselors, coaches)
- Summary (500 to 700 words): please tell us about yourself and your interest in water resources, environmental issues, and engineering innovation also include: volunteer activities, job history, academic and career goals

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