



Scholarship Application

The Kansas Rural Water Association has established a college scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 beginning with the **2026-2027 school term**. The Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior. Applicants are limited to be children, stepchildren or under guardianship of full-time employees of either an Active Member System of the Kansas Rural Water Association or employees of the Association.

The scholarship is designated as the **Dennis Schwartz Scholarship** in honor of Dennis Schwartz, who served on the Association Board of Directors from 1977 to 2014 and on a host of state and national committees, including the National Rural Water Association, National Drinking Water Advisory Committee, and the Kansas Water Authority.

The Scholarship will be paid in two installments: 1) half for the 2026 fall semester and 2) half for the 2027 spring semester upon proof of enrollment and continued study.

The award will be issued directly to the applicant and not to the college, university or institution of higher learning.

Applicants must include a copy of his/her transcript for the seven semesters of high school with the application.

Applicants must complete the application form in its entirety by completing all blanks and signing the application. The applicant must include one letter of reference by a teacher or school counselor.

The recipient of the Dennis Schwartz Scholarship award will be announced at the **Awards Banquet** on Wednesday, March 25 at the Annual Conference & Exhibition.

Applications must be mailed and postmarked no later than January 30, 2026 and addressed as follows:

**Kansas Rural Water Association
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 226
Seneca, KS 66538**

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KANSAS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (2026-2027)

(Application must be typed and on the official form.)

Personal Data:

NAME: _____ LAST FOUR OF SSN: _____
Last First M.I.

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

Eligible Member Employee Data:

NAME: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

KRWA MEMBER SYSTEM: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

High School Data:

SCHOOL NAME: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CLASS RANK: _____ NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN CLASS: _____

GPA & SCALE: _____

(include copy of Transcript for first seven (7) semesters of high school)

College/University Data:

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PLANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Anticipated Course of Study: _____

Awards, Memberships or Special Recognition:

LIST BELOW ANY SCHOOL-RELATED AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITION YOU HAVE RECEIVED DATING BACK TO YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL:

LIST BELOW ANY COMMUNITY-RELATED AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS OR SPECIAL RECOGNITION, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE WORK-RELATED, THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED DATING BACK TO YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL:

Essay:

IN THE FOLLOWING SPACE, IN 250 WORDS OR LESS, WRITE A BRIEF ESSAY ON YOUR GOALS AS THEY RELATE TO YOUR EDUCATION, CAREER, AND FUTURE PLANS. (Must be typed.):

After completing the application, please print the document. The Applicant and Parent / Guardian should both sign and date the application below. Include one letter of reference by a teacher or school counselor. Mail the signed application to **Kansas Rural Water Association, ATTN: Scholarship Committee; PO Box 226, Seneca, KS 66538**. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 30, 2026.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Must be the signature of the KRWA-member employee.)