

Southern California Waste Management Forum 2025 Scholarship Program Questionnaire

Our Organization

The Southern California Waste Management Forum (SCWMF) is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization dedicated to advancing knowledge of the interrelationship between waste management practices and the environment. Originally organized in August 1969 as the Los Angeles Regional Forum on Solid Waste Management, The Forum is the natural outgrowth of a series of meetings between representatives of concerned public and private agencies who saw a need to protect the environment while meeting the solid, liquid, and hazardous waste collection and disposal requirements of the community.

The Forum's objectives are:

...to facilitate the exchange of fundamental and practical knowledge concerning the characteristics, collection, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of wastes, and accompanying resource recovery activities, including, but not limited to, source reduction, recycling, composting and public education techniques.

...to disseminate information about the design, construction, development and operation of equipment, facilities and processes used in the waste management industry, legislation, and regulations, planning and policies, and research and development pertaining thereto.

Annual SCWMF Conference:



Scholarship Overview

The Southern California Waste Management Forum (SCWMF) scholarship program is funded by donations from longtime Director Michael Mohajar. The scholarship program is for college students that have an interest in the organization's fundamental objective to advancing knowledge of the interrelationship between waste management practices and the environment. This year's conference will be held at the Double Tree Hilton, Ontario Airport, Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, from 8 am to 3 pm.

The scholarship is for full attendance of the 2025 SCWMF Annual Conference and a one- year annual membership. A \$325.00 value. The scholarship will be awarded to three (3) eligible students. The SCWMF believes that tomorrow's thinkers and innovators will solve and tackle pressing issues regarding the conservation of our environment. These future leaders have the potential to create greener living standards, an environmentally sound economy, and a measure of sustainability in all that they do.

Requirements

College students will be asked to write and submit thoughtful essays on how attending the 2025 SCWMF Annual Conference can assist their career in the industry. Conference program details may be found at www.scwmf.org. Scholarships will be awarded based upon the insightfulness of the essays.

Entries must be original, unpublished essays written by the student. Essays must be a minimum of 500 to 600 words maximum. The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced in 12-point font, and saved onto a word document. Do not type your essay onto an email message. Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, and school name.

A panel of judges will evaluate all essays based upon creativity, demonstrated passion for the environment, and a vision for the future. Please email all entries to by Tuesday, October 24th, 2025, to Cynthia Vant Hul, SCWMF Director cynthia@mariposaecoconsulting.com

The three awardees will be notified by email with registration instructions by Friday, October 28th, 2025.

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