



SOUTHEAST BRANCH – 2026 D. RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Southeast Branch of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) established the D. Ray Jones Scholarship Fund in 1989. It honors Mr. D. Ray Jones, retired Public Works Director from the City of Deer Park, Texas and charter member of the Southeast Branch (Branch).

The D. Ray Jones Scholarship (Scholarship) was created to provide financial assistance for the higher education of members of the Branch, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

It is the goal of the Branch to annually award three or more Scholarships. Further, it is the Branch's goal that the total annual amount distributed between the three or more Scholarships is at least \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Requirements to apply for the D. Ray Jones Scholarship:

- Applicant must be:
 - A member of the Southeast Branch of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (the "MEMBER") (in accordance with APWA membership categories and requirements), or
 - Spouse, child or grandchild of a MEMBER, or
 - An individual who has a letter of recommendation from a MEMBER.
- Applicant must be a resident of the State of Texas 12 or more months prior to the date of application.
- Applicant must be:
 - Enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 hours) in an undergraduate or higher degree program, or
 - Enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 hours) in a technical school working toward a certificate or diploma with a minimum duration of one year, or
 - A MEMBER enrolled as a part-time student (3+ hours) in an undergraduate or higher degree program or a technical school with a minimum duration of one year for which a certificate or diploma is awarded, or
 - A graduating high school senior who will be a full-time student in an undergraduate degree program or a technical school with a minimum duration of one year for which a certificate or diploma is awarded.



SELECTION

Applicants must (1) Complete the attached application form; (2) Submit a letter of no more than two pages, single sided that address the following topics; why the funding is desired and deserved, course of study, career field you are working toward and why you chose the major and career field and; (3) Submit a transcript from the most recent school attended.

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of completeness of the application, academic achievement, course of study, career goals, community service, an interview session (at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee) and financial need. The weighting of selection criteria will be as follows:

Completeness of the Application	10%
Public Works Career Field	20%
Academic Achievement	30%
Community Service	15%
Financial Need	25%

ADMINISTRATION

Applications must be emailed on or before **May 31, 2026** to allow time for review and presentation of the award prior to the fall college semester. The Scholarship Committee will present the scholarship awards at the July meeting of the Southeast Branch, Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Scholarship funds will be paid to the scholarship recipient upon proof of registration, and certification by the recipient that the eligibility requirements above are complied with. To request additional information or return the completed application, contact:

SOUTHEAST BRANCH, TEXAS CHAPTER, AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
D. RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Email Application and Attachments to:
TO: jsienkiewich@hazenandsawyer.com
CC: tpwa.se.branch@gmail.com

You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt.



SOUTHEAST BRANCH D. RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant is: (circle one)

- Member of the Southeast Branch of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association
- Spouse, Child or Grandchild of a MEMBER
- Individual who has a letter of recommendation from a MEMBER (**copy of letter must be attached**)

Name of Applicant _____ Years lived in Texas _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Total Number of People Living in Household _____

Annual Gross Household Income _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Present Employer _____ Years of Employment _____

Present Position _____

Please List 3 Character References:

Name _____ Address & Phone # _____

Name _____ Address & Phone # _____

Name _____ Address & Phone # _____

COMPLETE IF YOU ARE A SPOUSE, CHILD, OR GRANDCHILD OF A MEMBER OR ARE BEING RECOMMENDED BY A MEMBER

Parent/Grandparent/Spouse/Sponsor Name _____

Parent/Grandparent/Spouse/Sponsor TPWA Affiliation (circle one): Group Active Associate

Parent/Grandparent/Spouse/Sponsor Employer _____

Position _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____



EDUCATIONAL DATA
ATTACH TRANSCRIPT OF MOST RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDED

School Attended	Address	Year Grad.	Major/Minor	Degree Earned

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, i.e. academic awards, scholarships, class ranking, dean’s list, etc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, i.e. club/organization memberships, community outreach organizations and or programs, religious affiliations, extra-curricular activities:



Please attach to this application:

1. LETTER OF TWO PAGES (as described in the Scholarship Requirements)
2. COPY OF TRANSCRIPT FROM THE MOST RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDED

I hereby certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for the D. Ray Jones Scholarship, that the foregoing information is true and correct and agree if selected as a recipient of the D. Ray Jones Scholarship, the cash received will be used to assist me in attending a college, university, technical school or any special courses as defined by the Scholarship Committee or stated in the eligibility requirements. If the financial assistance awarded me is not used for said purpose, I will return it to the Southeast Branch.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Send completed application via email listed on page 2.

ADMINISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2026