

# The Waste Management General Scholarship Program and the Stephanie Valdez Memorial Scholarship



TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness ensure that your application will be reviewed properly.

Application postmark deadline March 20

FOR  
SCHOLARSHIP  
MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES  
USE ONLY

I.D. #	AA	PD	RIC/CS	GPA	SATCR	SATM	SATW	ACTC	TOTAL

**APPLICANT  
DATA**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your status.  Male  Female

American Indian/Alaska Native  Black/African American  Multi-Racial  White

Asian  Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

**EMPLOYEE  
PARENT  
OR  
GUARDIAN  
INFORMATION**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Employee ID # (6 digits) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ WM Employee Hire Date \_\_\_\_\_

WM Division/Subsidiary \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL/  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL DATA**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Certificate Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary School Completion Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**POST-  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL  
DATA**

Name of postsecondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.)  
**Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.**

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

4 yr. College or University  2 yr. Community or Junior College

Vocational-Technical School  Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school **next** year:  1  Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Date next academic year begins \_\_\_\_\_ and ends \_\_\_\_\_

Major or course of study you plan to pursue \_\_\_\_\_ Length of program: Months \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to complete the program/graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

What certificate/degree will you earn by that date? \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. applicants only:** Student will:  live on campus  live off campus  commute from home  
If school choice is a public institution, applicant will pay:  in-state resident tuition  out-of-state tuition

Sending a resumé does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Describe your work experience during the **past four years** (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate **number of hours worked** each week.

Employer/Position	From - Mo/Yr	To - Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Were you paid for your work?
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO

**ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS**

List all school activities in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held	Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held

**GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS**

Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

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**UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

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**PARENTS' FINANCIAL DATA (REQUIRED)**

**Instructions for this section are provided in the guidelines.**

The Waste Management, Inc. employee must complete this portion of the application. Adjusted gross income and total federal income tax amounts should be from parents' most recently filed tax return. **To be considered for an award, this section must be filled out completely.**

- State/Province of Residence ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Adjusted Gross Income ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- US/Canadian Federal Tax Paid ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not the amount withheld from paychecks)
- Total Income of Employee Parent..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Income of Other Parent..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. Only - Yearly Untaxed Income and Benefits:  
Please indicate source –  
 Social Security  Child Support  
 Other ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical and Dental Expenses not paid by insurance (exclude premiums) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Cash, Checking, Savings, and Cash Value of Stocks (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401k) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income ...# \_\_\_\_\_
- Marital status of employee parent or guardian:  
 Married  Divorced  Separated  Widowed  Single
- Of the total number of family members on line 8, number of students attending college at least half-time during the next school year (include applicant, exclude parents) ...# \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER AWARDS**

Please list the name and annual amount of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the coming school year only.

Name of Award:	School to which award will be applied:	Amount:	Check One:
_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending

**APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)**

**To the Applicant:** This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school counselor or advisor, an instructor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

**To the Adult Appraiser:** *You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.*

The applicant's choice of a postsecondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Appraiser's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

An official transcript of grades **must** be sent with this application. Online transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable.

All applicants **must** include a high school transcript of grades and have this section completed by the appropriate school official.

**(A clear explanation of the school's grading scale must also be submitted.)**

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____	Cumulative Grade Point Average	SAT (U.S. only)			ACT (U.S. only)				
	Weighted: _____/4.0 scale	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
	Unweighted: _____/4.0 scale								

School Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

School Official's Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Call with any questions on completing this application, 800-537-4180.

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Scholarship Management Services on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the following materials have been received:

- Student Application with completed Applicant Appraisal
- Current Complete Official Transcript(s) of Grades (including grading scale)  
Online transcripts are not acceptable

All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

**The Waste Management General Scholarship Program**  
 Scholarship Management Services  
 One Scholarship Way  
 Saint Peter, MN 56082 USA

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**CERTIFICATION**

Scholarship Management Services has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's description. This application becomes the property of Scholarship Management Services. (It is recommended you keep a copy for your files.)

*I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information, including a copy of my U.S. or Revenue Canada Income Tax Return. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Employee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL DATA SECTION OF THE APPLICATION

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The Financial Data section of the application should be completed by the employee. Information should be from a completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed with the IRS/Revenue Canada.

1. **State/Province of residence** is the state/province where the parents reside and pay state/province income tax.
2. **Adjusted gross income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income reduced by specific adjustments allowed by law. For Canadian applicants, report Taxable Income (both parents).
3. **U.S./Canadian total federal tax paid** includes the total amount of **federal** income tax to be paid. This is **not** the amount withheld from employee's paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do **not** report state/province income tax.
4. **Total income** of parent(s) should be reported individually. Provide information for both natural parents when possible. **If the student resides with only one parent**, financial information **must** be received from the employee or member of the company sponsoring the scholarship program and from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. **If necessary, two Financial Data sections may be submitted by the student.** A copy of the Financial Data section may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.
5. **Untaxed income and benefits** (For U.S. applicants only) include any other income or benefits not included in the adjusted gross income figure. Do not include untaxed contributions to retirement plans.
6. **Medical and dental expenses** include only those expenses not paid by insurance. Do not include premium payments.
7. **Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc.**, includes liquid assets that can be used for educational expenses. **Do not include** IRA, 401k, RRSP, or other retirement plan funds.
8. **Total number of family members** living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income may include:
  - the applicant
  - the applicant's parents
  - other children living in the household
  - dependent college students living away from home
  - other people who live in the household and receive more than half of their support from the reported income
9. **Marital status** is the current status of the person from whom the financial information is submitted.
10. **Of the total number of family members on line 8, number of students attending college** includes family members attending a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school at least half-time. Include the applicant in this number. Do not include parents.

**NOTE:** Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to Scholarship Management Services in writing.