



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**
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Lake Michigan States Section

March 24, 2026

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Air & Waste Management Association-Lake Michigan States Section's (A&WMA-LMSS) Rothblatt Scholarship Program.

To ensure adequate human resources and to improve knowledge and skills in the fields of air and waste management, the Association provides financial support to qualifying graduate students.

The Lake Michigan States Section will be awarding a scholarship for the 2026/2027 academic year valued at \$1,500.00 to a student attending an institution of higher learning within the A&WMA-LMSS region.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions about the program, contact the Air & Waste Management Association - Lake Michigan States Section's Rothblatt Scholarship Committee Chair, Ms. Jennifer Bogs at 630-802-2571 or jennifer.white.bogs@gmail.com.

Very truly yours,

Sarah Langeliers
Chair 2026
Air & Waste Management Association - Lake Michigan States Section

Enclosures



***Air & Waste Management Association
Lake Michigan States Section***

**Stephen H. Rothblatt
Scholarship**



The Air & Waste Management Association- Lake Michigan States Section has established a scholarship for graduate students studying in the environmental field in memory of a long-time member and supporter, Stephen H. Rothblatt.

Mr. Rothblatt was the Director, Air and Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. His credentials included:

- *Advisor to the Governments of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and India related to air quality management programs.*
- *Advisor to the Republic of Korea, leading a team of air quality experts twice to Seoul where they developed a strategy to deal with the reduced visibility/fine particulate problem of the Seoul-Inchon metropolitan area.*
- *Chairman of the Air & Waste Management Association - Lake Michigan States Section, 1987-1988.*
- *In 1989, he was detailed to U.S. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation in Washington, DC to work with the Headquarters' team developing what became the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act.*
- *Mr. Rothblatt earned his Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and the Juris Doctorate degree from DePaul University's College of Law.*

Application Information

Eligibility: *Individuals must be full or part-time graduate student, attending an institution of higher learning located within the service region of the A&WMA-LMSS, pursuing a course of study and/or research at the start of the 2026/2027 academic year leading to careers in environment related studies and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. The Scholarship is only a one-year award. To qualify for a second year, individuals must reapply.*

Application: *Application materials must be electronically submitted by April 15th, 2026 and sent to Ms. Jennifer Bogs, Air & Waste Management Association - Lake Michigan States at the email shown below. Only complete application packets received on or before the April 15th deadline, including all of the sections described below, will be considered.*

Section 1 **Application Cover Sheet**

Section 2 **Letter of Recommendation from a professor, academic advisor or department chair.**

Section 3 **A paper reflecting academic and professional interests and objectives (500 – 600 words).**

Section 4 **Payment of \$20 application fee.** *The fee covers the scholarship application fee and also includes a one-year membership to the LM-A&WMA as a local student associate member. This fee can be paid on our website at https://lmawma.org/Membership_Information; select the “Become a Section Only Associate Member” button at the bottom of the page.*

Selection Process: *Awards will be made on the basis of academic record, plan of study, career goals, recommendations, and extracurricular activities without consideration of sex, race, national origin, financial need, age or physical disability. The Scholarship Awards Committee reviews all applications received and its decision is final. (Any attempt to improperly influence members of the Scholarship Awards Committee will automatically result in disqualification.) Announcement of the scholarship awards will be made no later than May 4, 2026.*

Submission Instructions:

Submit the application package electronically in a pdf or Microsoft Word file format to:

Ms. Jennifer Bogs
Air & Waste Management Association - Lake
Michigan States Section
jennifer.white.bogs@gmail.com

Please include in subject line “Scholarship Program, A&WMA – LMSS”

Check the “return receipt” option on your email submission if you would like to receive confirmation that your application was received.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15, 2026

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

General Information

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<i>Name (Last)</i>	<i>(First)</i>	<i>(Middle)</i>
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<i>Mailing Address</i>		
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<i>City, State, Postal Code</i>		
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<i>FAX Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	

Educational Background

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<i>Undergraduate Degree(s) and Major</i>	
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<i>Institution</i>	<i>Date of Degree</i>
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<i>MS Degree (pursuing, note if completed)</i>	
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<i>Institution</i>	<i>Anticipated Completion Date</i>

Student and Other Professional Activities

e.g., Air & Waste Management Association (professional or student chapter), Green Drinks, etc.

<i>Date</i> _____	<i>Signature</i> _____
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Dear Evaluator:

Please complete the recommendation form in support of the applicant's request for the Air & Waste Management Association- Lake Michigan States Section (A&WMA-LMS) scholarship. Your assessment should evaluate their ability to do graduate work, character traits, and potential for professional success.

We request that your letter of recommendation include the length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Your evaluation of the individual and their credentials should include but not be limited to: intellectual ability, initiative, oral and written expression, motivation, emotional maturity, dependability, creativity, flexibility, and known professional and community contributions. Discuss any particular strengths and weaknesses that the individual has.

Your ranking in each category will provide us with objective guidelines to follow when evaluating candidates in different areas. If you are recommending more than one student for this award program, we request that you differentiate and rank your students accordingly. We know that you will appreciate the difficulty of evaluating many excellent applications and hope that you will provide us with a candid appraisal of this individual.

Your assistance in helping us get better acquainted with the applicant and their credentials is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the program, please direct them to: Ms. Jennifer Bogs at Air & Waste Management Association - Lake Michigan States Section at 630-802-2571 or jennifer.white.bogs@gmail.com

Thank You,

A&WMA-LMSS Scholarship Awards Committee

Please ensure delivery of the recommendation to the applicant so that their completed application may be received by April 15, 2026. Emails received after April 15, 2026 may be disqualified.

