



2027-2029 Future Leaders Scholarship Application

*This is a sample form. It may not be submitted.
All applications must be completed online.*

Submission Deadline: February 1, 2027, 11:59 PM CST

Application link: https://my.reviewr.com/site/future_leaders_27

Description

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship is up to \$20,000 per year for two years available to a student entering their junior year in a 4-year undergraduate program or entering the last two years of a 5-year or dual degree undergraduate program, and studying in a field related to floods and flood management. The funds are for undergraduate work only and will pay the recipient's college or university directly for any tuition costs which exceed any existing financial aid or scholarships up to \$20,000 per year. Funds remaining after tuition payment may be used for other educational expenses, room and board in a college dormitory, or an equivalent stipend if living off campus.

The ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship has been established to provide financial support, mentoring and professional opportunities to undergraduate students who will grow to advance the vision of the ASFPM Foundation. The ASFPM Foundation's vision focuses on reducing the risk and impacts of floods on people and communities.

The Future Leaders Scholarship is intended to support the undergraduate academic career of a deserving student, studying in areas such as engineering, planning, and biological, earth and social sciences, interested in a career field related to reducing the risk and impacts of floods on people and communities. Addressing floods and flood risk includes the fields of floodplain management, watershed management and coastal management, and incorporates climate change, the environment, and urban and land management issues. Professionals working in the field include people in the public and private sectors and who are scientists, engineers, planners, and researchers.

The ASFPM Foundation has established eligibility criteria for the Future Leaders Scholarship, and along with a demonstration of financial need, the student must be pursuing a course of study related to the vision of the ASFPM Foundation. After graduation the student must plan to work in a profession that focuses on reducing the risk and impacts of floods on people and communities.

Rules

Application and Selection Process:

- Applicants must complete an online application.
- The application and all required attachments for the ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship must be received by the application deadline of February 1, 2027.
- Applicants must affirm that submissions are true and certify that all work has been done by the applicant. The use of AI or other tools may only be used for brainstorming and grammar checking.
- Eligible applicants will be evaluated based on GPA, academic and non-academic activities, written essays, financial needs, communication skills, and interest in a flood-related career. A student's need to work while enrolled in school and consideration of work history will be considered as a demonstration of financial need.
- High-ranking candidates, as determined by the selection committee, will be contacted no later than February 15, 2027 and must submit two current (within the last six months) letters of recommendation. Required will be:
 - Letter of Reference – Academic/Professional (from a professor or past/current employer)
 - Letter of Reference – Character (from a non-academic/professional reference who is not a family member and can attest to the good character of the applicant)

- The highest-ranking candidates, as determined by the selection committee, will be interviewed in person, by telephone, or via video in March or April 2027.
- The selected ASFPM Foundation Future Leader Scholar will be announced by May, 2027, with concurrent notifications to non-selected applicants.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements for 2027–2029 Scholarship:

- be a U.S. citizen or have U.S. permanent resident alien status;
- have graduated from high school prior to August 2025;
- have completed a minimum of 1 year of studies at a college or university by January 2027*;
- be entering their junior year in a 4-year undergraduate program or entering their 4th year in a 5-year dual degree undergraduate program in Fall 2027;
- have a cumulative, minimum GPA of 2.5 (or equivalent) at the completion of the Fall Semester 2026;
- be attending an accredited public or private college or university in the United States or its territories; and
- be pursuing a course of study related to the vision of the ASFPM Foundation, which includes, engineering, planning, and biological, earth and social sciences.

* Students with extra coursework credits, such as those earned from programs such as AP, IB, or community college credits earned in high school, are welcome to apply, however applicants must have completed a minimum of 1 year of full-time studies at a college or university.

Questions regarding the scholarship and the application may be submitted to alicia@asfpmfoundation.org. Questions must be received by January 29, 2027 to receive a reply.

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ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

Are you a U.S. citizen or have U.S. permanent resident alien status? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did you graduate from high school prior to August 2025? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Including your Fall 2026 semester or trimester credits, do you have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (or equivalent) or better? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

As of January 2027, have you completed a minimum of 1 year of studies at a college or university? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you currently attending an accredited public or private college or university in the United States or its territories? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Eligibility Questions – continued

What year of study are you currently in? *

- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior

What year of undergraduate study will you be the Fall of 2027? *

- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior

The vision of the ASFPM Foundation is to reduce the risk and impacts of floods on people and communities. Are you pursuing a course of study related the Foundation's vision, which includes undergraduate degrees in engineering, planning and public administration, and biological, earth and social sciences? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What is your expected undergraduate degree (BS or BA degree) graduation date? *

- ☐ December 2027
- ☐ May/June 2028
- ☐ December 2028
- ☐ May/June 2029
- ☐ December 2029

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name *

Last Name *

Middle Name

Date of Birth *

Month	Day	Year
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Primary Email Address *

Primary Phone Number *

☒ US/Canada ☐ Other Country

Example: 402-555-1212

YOUR CURRENT SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS/CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address *

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State/Region

Please Select

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address *

Phone Number *

☒ US/Canada ☐ Other Country

Example: 402-555-1212

YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS/CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

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SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION & RECORDS

Name of the college or university that you are CURRENTLY attending: *

CURRENT college or university website link: *

Does your CURRENT college or university operate on a semester or on a trimester system? *

☐ Semester☐ Trimester

What is the average number of credits that you carry each semester or trimester? *

What is the total number of credits that you have earned at the end of the Fall 2026 semester or trimester that your CURRENT college or university has applied towards the completion of your undergraduate degree(s)? *

How many AP credits earned in high school have been applied toward your undergraduate degree? *

Number of college credits earned at OTHER colleges or universities that have been applied your undergraduate degree(s)? *

What is your cumulative grade point average (GPA) at your CURRENT college or university? *

Does your CURRENT college or university grade on a 4.0 or 5.0 scale? *

Name of the college or university from which you intend to GRADUATE: *

GRADUATION college or university website link: *

If the college or university that you plan to GRADUATE from is different than your current school, how many earned credits will be applied to your undergraduate degree(s)?

After Fall 2026 semester or trimester, how many credits do you need to complete your undergraduate degree(s)? *

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UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION

Are you enrolled in a 4-year degree program or a 5-year dual undergraduate degree program? *

Will you receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree? *

Undergraduate degree area of study (select what best fits your degree): *

What is the name of your undergraduate degree program? Include that name of the dual degree and/or any minors or other areas of emphasis. *

Please provide your college or university link to your degree requirements (required courses and credits) for graduation. *

Expected undergraduate graduation date? *

If you would like to provide further explanation about your degree or undergraduate studies, please do so here:

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND WORK EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE ACADEMIC EXTRACURRICULARS – Please list your current and past college or university **ACADEMIC** extracurricular activities (or reference your attached resume if they are included there): *

COLLEGE NON-ACADEMIC EXTRACURRICULARS – Please list your current and past college or university **NON-ACADEMIC** extracurricular activities including paid work (or reference your attached resume if they are included there): *

Are you currently working, and if so, how many hours a week do your work? *

How did you hear about the Future Leaders Scholarship? *

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FINANCIAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR (CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR): PLEASE ANSWER WITH DOLLAR AMOUNTS, OR WRITE "NOT APPLICABLE" FOR ANY THAT DO NOT APPLY TO YOU.

Tuition and fees for Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year: *

Cost of book and supplies for Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year: *

Cost of room and board for Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year: *

Do you currently live on campus, off campus? *

School year transportation expenses: *

School year medical expenses: *

School year personal expenses: *

Total costs (sum of above amounts): *

FINANCIAL RESOURCES/INCOME (HOW HAVE YOU COVERED YOUR ANNUAL COLLEGE EXPENSES TO DATE:) PLEASE ANSWER WITH DOLLAR AMOUNTS, OR WRITE "NOT APPLICABLE" FOR ANY THAT DO NOT APPLY TO YOU.

Student grant dollars awarded for the Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year: *

Scholarship dollars awarded for the Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year: *

Student loan dollars obtained for the Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year: *

Expected total work income from the Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year (including summer): *

Family contributions to tuition and living expenses for the for Fall 2026 to Spring 2027 school year:

Total resources (sum of above amounts):

Please explain any changes that you anticipate to financial expenses or financial resources for the upcoming Fall 2027 to Spring 2028 school year, such as tuition or scholarship changes. *

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ESSAY QUESTIONS: EACH APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE TWO ESSAYS, AND EACH ESSAY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE APPLICANT.

Provide a short, original essay (limit 750 words) describing your personal background, including how or why you became interested in flood issues or how you became interested in the Future Leaders Scholarship. Feel free to include how your completed and planned coursework will prepare you for a career in addressing flood issues and/or any statement of financial need. *

Provide a short, original essay (limit 750 words) answering the following: What do you see as the challenges for reducing the risk and impacts of floods on people and communities today, and how do you believe you can contribute (make a difference) in addressing flood issues in the United States and its territories in the future? Please provide an example of something related to floods or flood damage that you experienced. *

COMMENTS / NOTES: Is there anything else you think we should know about you or your application?

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The following attachments are required to be uploaded or submitted by email to alicia@asfpmfoundation.org by February 1, 2027 for your application to be considered complete.

CITIZENSHIP STATUS: Please upload either a copy of your passport, a copy of your birth certificate, or a copy of your permanent resident card (green card).

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S), INCLUDING PROOF OF CUMULATIVE GPA: Please upload transcript with your cumulative GPA through the Fall 2026 semester (or trimester equivalent), and transcripts from any previously attended colleges or universities.

RESUME: Please upload your resume with employment history as well as list of awards, achievements or honors, and college activities.

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I understand the ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship values authenticity. I affirm that my submission reflects my true story and perspective. *

Please Select

I certify that the essays submitted with this application are my own work (original work), and any use of AI or other tools was to support my writing process (e.g., brainstorming, grammar checking). The final content of essays reflects my voice and experiences. *

Please Select