

V. M. EHLERS FOUNDATION, INC.

2024 – 2025

(A Memorial Scholarship Fund)

210 Highway 79 STE 101

Hutto, Texas 78634-4534



SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE?

To be eligible for scholarship assistance from the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc. you must:

- Have been an **active individual dues paid member** of the Texas Water Utilities Association, or an active dues paid member of a Sponsoring Organization that has a fully vested Endowment within the Foundation for a period of not less than twelve months preceding the date the application is received by the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc.
- Or be the **dependent child of an active individual dues paid member (A dependent child is still being supported by their parent(s) and are claimed on their parent(s) income tax return.)**
- Pursuing a course of study that supports the water utilities industry. Post-graduate degrees will only be considered for persons who are currently employed in the water utilities industry and who plan to remain employed in the water utilities industry after receiving a post-graduate degree.
- Submit an application to the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc., which is **POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 15TH 2024**. **Mail to:** VM Ehlers Foundation C/O TWUA 210 Highway 79, STE 101, Hutto, Texas 78634-4534 Provide a final high school transcript, GED or university grade report which documents your current academic status.

If you meet the eligibility criteria shown above, carefully complete all applicable parts of the following application.

If you have questions call: (888) 367-8982 or (512) 459-3124:
Jim Siddall at (469) 371-8487 or ljsiddall1@att.net or Norma Clark at n.clark@twua.org.

APPLICATION FORM

SECTION ONE - This application is for the Fall **2024** academic year.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

I am (select one of the following):

- 1) _____ Active Member of TWUA or WEAT
- 2) _____ the dependent child of an Active Member of _____ TWUA or _____ WEAT

I prefer that the _____ Endowment be used for funding my scholarship. (Write NONE if you have no Endowment preference.)

I have (or parent or legal guardian has) been a member of TWUA or WEAT since: _____.

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth: _____ Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

SECTION TWO - Complete only if applying as a dependent child of an active member:

Name of Parent who is the Active Member: _____

Qualifying Parent's Employer: _____ How long? _____

Member of which District: (applicable to TWUA only) _____

Parent's Daytime Telephone: _____

SECTION THREE - Academic and Professional information

COLLEGIATE AND CAREER PLANS:

What college or university do you plan to attend? (Name/City) _____

What will be your major course of study? _____

Associate _____ Bachelor _____ Master _____

How many semester hours do you intend to take? _____ Fall Semester, _____ Spring Semester

If not attending a college or university, provide name and location of technology school.

Years planned to accomplish collegiate or technology degree. _____

What is your planned career choice?

Describe how your career choice relates to protecting the public health, the environment, or advancing the water utility industry:

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

Very Important!!! Attach High School Transcript, State of Texas Academic Achievement Record, GED or University grade report which has your name on it! (Application will not be considered without a transcript.)

High School Attended (Name/City): _____ Year Graduated: _____

List any special studies:

List scholastic honors, scholastic clubs/organizations memberships, extracurricular activities, community involvement, etc. *for last academic year.*

Briefly describe any other formal education, giving names, addresses and dates of various schools you have attended:

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Current Employer (if applicable): _____ How long? _____

Describe the duties you performed: _____

MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:

Describe your or your parent's TWUA (or other professional organization) leadership and/or other activities:

Extra (bonus) points will be given to member applicants and applicants sponsored by members who are actively participating in TWUA events. Applicants will be awarded one point for each district meeting the member attended during the previous five years, and 15 points will be added for each year a member has served as an officer in a district, regional, or state organization. To receive these bonus points, applicants must attach a copy of their member's TCEQ training record of meetings or have their district, regional, or state secretary provide a letter attesting attendance or verifying service as an officer during the last five years.

SECTION FOUR - Need for financial assistance:

Do you have your own household? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, number of persons in household: _____

Do you live with your parents? (If your parents claim you on their tax return and you are supported by your parents even if you live at the school you are attending, check yes)

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, number of persons in parent's household: _____

Total Gross Annual Household Income (Dependents must list their parents and their own income):

\$ _____

Does your employer offer tuition or other education reimbursement program? Yes ____ No ____

If so, what portion of college expenses is reimbursed?

Are you receiving any other scholarships or grants? If so please provide the amount.

Yes, ____ No ____ Amount \$ _____

Are there any extenuating financial circumstances that you would like to provide for consideration?

SECTION FIVE - Relationship to Ehlers Officials (Required for I.R.S. Reporting Purposes):

Note: A relative of a Trustee or Endowment Representative is not disqualified from eligibility.

Norma Clark (Odessa)	George Glispin (Boerne)	Craig Jones (College Station)
David Hinshaw (Mansfield)	Justin Hamilton (Iola)	Jim Siddall (Grand Prairie)
Jesse Flores (Amarillo)	Russell Hamilton (Austin)	Lynn Short (Victoria)
Lindsey Kovar (Houston)	Henry Luna (New Braunfels)	Cory Moose (Midland)
Mike Norris (Tyler)	William Manning Jr. (La Porte)	Kevin Post (Victoria)
Ben Connelley (Spring)	Craig McCoy (Austin)	Richard Seals (Sterling City)
Kristen Suprobo (Plano)	Smiley Valverde (Alice)	Jimmy Tidwell (Longview)
Neil Weems (Lubbock)	Ron Mullins (Archer City)	

Are you related to any of the Trustees or Endowment Representatives listed above or on the website?

Yes ____ No ____

SECTION SIX - Applicant's Administrative Checklist:

_____ Is active membership (for you or your parent) in Texas Water Utilities Association, or in the Sponsoring Organization (i.e.: the Water Environment Association of Texas, etc.) of a fully vested Endowment within the Foundation, clearly stated in the application?

_____ Is the length of active membership in the qualifying organization also clearly stated in the application?

_____ Is the academic degree to be pursued by the applicant, the college or university chosen and the applicant's intended career plans clearly stated in the application?

- _____ Is your income level and/or the family income level (if applying as the dependent of a member and being supported by your parents or legal guardian) clearly stated in the application?
- _____ Is the past academic record of the applicant, whether in high school or previous college activity, clearly indicated in the application and have you provided a post-graduation high school transcript, *State of Texas Academic Achievement Record*, GED or University Grade Report? Your name and the name of the school must be on the grade report. **THE APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION!!**
- _____ Are all current leadership and/or volunteer activities in the qualifying organization(s) (for the applicant or his/her parents) clearly indicated in the application?
- _____ Please mail your application to: V. M. Ehlers Foundation C/O Texas Water Utilities Association, 210 E. Hwy. 79, Suite 101, Hutto, Texas 78634
- _____ Did you attach a copy of their member's TCEQ training record of meetings or have their district, regional, or state secretary provide a letter attesting attendance or verifying service as an officer during the last five years.

PLEASE NOTE! Incomplete or late applications will not be processed!

SECTION SEVEN- Applicant's Certification

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify (1) that if I am selected as the recipient of funds from the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc., or of one of the Endowments thereof, all funds received by me shall be used for the purposes stated and to attend the college or university indicated within one collegiate semester following the date the notification letter is mailed to me by the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc. and (2) that should the funds not be used for the stated purpose and within that time they will be returned to the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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IMPORTANT – READ THIS CAREFULLY

The V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc. was organized in 1959 to honor and memorialize Mr. Victor M. Ehlers, who passed away on March 29, 1959, after a distinguished career in the water utilities profession. Mr. Ehlers, or “Vic” as he was known to his friends, was instrumental in the formation of what is now the largest organization of its type in the world - the Texas Water Utilities Association.

The Foundation operates as a Texas non-profit organization and promotes its founding purposes by offering scholarship assistance which will further the water related education of members - and the dependent sons and daughters of members - of the Texas Water Utilities Association. Members - and the dependent sons

and daughters of members - of the Water Environment Association of Texas and other organizations having fully funded endowments are also eligible for assistance through Endowments organized within the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship assistance is paid to recipients in two installments, 50% for the Fall Semester and 50% for the Spring Semester. **All recipients are required to provide the Foundation with a copy of their transcript or grade report for the Fall Semester in order to receive payment for the Spring Semester. Students failing the Fall Semester will not receive scholarship money for the Spring Semester.** Grade reports must have the students name on them.

The Foundation and its Endowments fund scholarship recipients as either Full Time or Part Time Students. For purposes of this definition a Full-Time student is one taking not less than 12 semester hours, and a Part Time student is one taking not less than 6 semester hours. Scholarship amounts may be reduced on a pro-rata basis for those students completing less than the defined course loads.

For information regarding the formation of an Endowment within the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, contact the Texas Water Utilities Association, by writing to them at: TWUA 210 Highway 79, STE 101, Hutto, Texas 78634-4534, or contact them by telephone at (888) 367-8982 or (512) 459-3124.

TWUA MISSION STATEMENT

“This Association is a water utility, member-centered organization which provides training programs, technical publications, and mutual problem-solving opportunities for those employed in, or otherwise interested in, the water utilities industry. Our goal is to assist our members in providing improved service to mankind in the public health and environmental endeavors.”

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