



JOE BUSTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM, INSTRUCTIONS AND PROVISIONS

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Please print out this form and provide the requested information neatly and legibly. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Additional copies of the application form may be downloaded from the Council's Website (www.nawmc.org). Application Deadline: **March 13, 2026**.

Instructions and Provisions Applying to the Scholarship Competition and Selection Process:

1. The North American Weather Modification Council (NAWMC) is offering up to two scholarships of \$2,000 to an undergraduate student(s) with junior/senior standing or a graduate level student(s) for their use while attending an accredited institution of higher learning for the upcoming academic school year. An additional travel reimbursement will be made available to the scholarship recipient(s) for his or her attendance at a future meeting of the Council during the same year.
2. Eligibility is open to students in the science and engineering disciplines possessing a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher learning for the upcoming academic school year with either a junior/senior undergraduate or graduate level standing. Applicants must also be permanent residents of the United States. Previous NAWMC scholarship award winners are not eligible for the 2025-2026 award.
3. Applicants must complete and sign this scholarship application form, provide a current academic transcript, and submit the required short essay. Additional sheets may be attached as necessary to provide the required information. Completed application materials must be mailed or emailed to **Chairman Derek Blestrud, North American Weather Modification Council Scholarship Committee c/o Idaho Power Company, PO Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, or dblestrud@idahopower.com and must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than February 28, 2025.**
4. Applications shall be evaluated by the NAWMC Scholarship Committee. The scholarship winner(s) shall be announced at the spring meeting of the North American Weather Modification Council to be held the week of April 14, 2025, in Salt Lake City, UT.
5. The Council will provide the award check in the amount of \$2,000 to the recipient(s) when documentation (coursework registration form, receipt form for registration fees, or copy of an official communication between the student and the educational institution) has been received that the recipient has registered for the appropriate semester at an accredited institution of higher learning.
6. Questions concerning these instructions may be addressed to the NAWMC's Scholarship Committee Chairman via phone or e-mail at the phone number and e-mail address listed above. **All eligible students studying in the science and engineering disciplines with an interest in the field of weather modification are strongly encouraged to apply. The scholarship recipient(s) are encouraged to attend a future meeting of the Council during the same year for which travel reimbursement shall also be made. Should the award winner(s) choose to attend the spring meeting of the Council, which is held in conjunction with the annual meeting of Weather Modification Association (WMA), the Council has obtained a waiver of WMA conference registration fees for the scholarship recipient(s). Last, the Council shall also appoint a professional contact for the student(s) to further encourage and promote their academic success in the field during the upcoming academic year.**



For the **2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Degree Pursued: _____ Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Names of Colleges Attended Through Current*	Dates	Credit Hours	GPA

A. OTHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (Post High School)

Honors	
Honors and Achievements:	
Honor Societies/Offices Held:	
Other Academic Organizations/Offices Held:	

B. PERSONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (Post High School)

Type of Activity (Civic, Religious, Humanitarian, Athletics, Work Experience, Cultural, Other) [Please describe]:	Name of Organization or Activity:	Type of Participation, including positions or offices held, committee positions, duties, awards, recognitions, etc.:

3.0 REQUIRED ESSAY:

Topical Subject of Essay:	Essay Requirements:
What are your academic and career objectives and why do you think you deserve this scholarship? (a short summary of your knowledge and potential interest in the field of weather modification should be included)	The essay shall be 500-600 words in length and must be submitted in typed or printed format.

4.0 PERSONAL REFERENCES (Provide a Minimum of 2)

Name: _____ Title/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____
Street/Apt/P.O. Box City State Zip

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I certify that the above information and data are correct and true. I consent to their disclosure to those persons responsible for reviewing and validating this application and essay for purposes of selecting the NAWMC scholarship recipient. I understand that the essay I wrote for the purpose of this scholarship competition may be used and distributed by the NAWMC without further approval by me.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

DATE _____