

V. M. EHLERS FOUNDATION, INC.

(A Memorial Scholarship Fund)

1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 112 West

Austin, Texas 78723-1093



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 is related to the water utilities industry. Students pursuing a graduate degree are not eligible.
- Submit an application to the V. M. Ehlers Foundation, Inc., which is **postmarked not later than July 1st** of the current year. **Mail to:** VM Ehlers Foundation C/O TWUA
1106 Clayton Lane Suite 112 West Austin, Texas 78723-1093
- 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 parts of the following application. If something is not applicable please put **NA**. If you have any questions, please

contact the V.M. Ehlers Foundation at (888) 367-8982 or (512) 459-3124. The last page of the application shows how an application is scored.

APPLICATION FORM

SECTION ONE - This application is for the Fall/Spring _____ academic year.

Mr. _____ Miss _____

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: _____

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, university, technical, or trade school do you plan to attend? (Name/City)

What major do you plan to pursue? (Ex. Chemistry, Engineering, Communications, Mechanics)

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

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, GED or University grade report! (Application will not be considered without an official transcript.)

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

List any special studies:

List scholastic honors, scholastic clubs/organizations memberships, extra curricular activities, 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:

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/or you are supported by your parents even if you live at the school or city where you are attending please 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 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.

Gloria Broussard (San Marcos)	George Glispin (Boerne)	William Pittaway (Corpus Christi)
Hugh Card (Irving)	David Hackley (Kilgore)	Jim Siddall (Grand Prairie)
Donny Carrasco (Lubbock)	Russell Hamilton (Austin)	Lynn Short (Victoria)
Craig Collins (Rockdale)	David Mansfield (Victoria)	Cathy Sieger (Dallas)
Ben Connelley (Spring)	William Manning Jr. (La Porte)	Cheryl Smith (Austin)
Glenda Dunn (Waco)	Craig McCoy (Austin)	Richard Steadman (Channelview)
James W. Fischer (Bryan)	Robert McMillon (Fort Worth)	Jimmy Tidwell (Longview)
Jesse Flores (Amarillo)	Debbie McReynolds (Odessa)	Walter Turnbow (San Angelo)
	Ron Mullins (Archer City)	

Are you related to any of the Trustees or Endowment Representatives listed above, on the website (or attached)? 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 (ie: 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, GED or University 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 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: _____

If you have questions call: (888) 367-8982 or (512) 459-3124

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.**

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 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 112 West, Austin, Texas 78723-1093, 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.”

This Section Is Not To BE Completed! For Example Only
CRITERIA FOR RECIPIENT SELECTION
If Any Criteria is Incomplete the Applicant Will Be Considered Ineligible

Student Name: _____

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: (of applicant or legal guardian)	
T. W. U. A. Members.....	10 Points _____
W. E.A. T. (Only) Members.....	10 Points _____
LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP:	
10 or more years.....	15 Points _____
1 – 9 years.....	1 Point/Year _____
< 1 year.....	Ineligible _____
DEGREE PROGRAM:	
Biology/Chemistry/Engineering.....	25 Points _____
Public Administration, Environmental Law, Etc.....	10 Points _____
Others.....	Up to 9 Points _____
UTILITY CAREER PLANS:	
Direct Industry Involvement.....	25 Points _____
Indirect Industry Involvement.....	10 Points _____
Industry Involvement Unlikely.....	0 Points _____
SCHOLASTIC RECORD (HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE)	
Excellent 3.5 – 4.0	10 Points _____
Very Good 3.0 – 3.4	7 Points _____
Average 2.5 – 3.0	5 Points _____
Below Average 2.0 – 2.4	3 Points _____
Poor < 2.0	0 Points _____
FAMILY GROSS INCOME LEVEL	
< \$10,000/Person.....	10 Points _____
\$10,000 to \$20,000/Person.....	7 Points _____
\$20,000 to \$30,000/Person.....	3 Points _____
> \$30,000/Person.....	0 Points _____
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Bonus Points for Special Accomplishments.....	Up to 5 Points _____
(i.e. Eagle Scout, Valedictorian, Salutarian, Armed Forces, Community Involvement, Heroism (previous year only))	_____
TOTAL	_____