

**Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter  
Scholarship Awards Program**

**High School Senior going to First Year of College**





**Dear High School Senior:**

**Hello and thank you for your interest in Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter's Scholarship Awards Program.**

**SWANA is a professional association of more than 10,000 members working in solid waste and resource management. SWANA's scholarship for high school seniors supports qualifying family members (as defined below) for whom a SWANA member will act as a sponsor. This scholarship is open to incoming college freshman in any area of study but we encourage you to consider joining our industry, which welcomes professionals in all areas.**

**To be eligible for one of Nebraska SWANA's scholarships for high school seniors, you must:**

- Be a graduating high school senior or have an equivalent level of education from a Nebraska or South Dakota high school.**
- Be the natural, adopted, or stepchild or grandchild of a Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter member (in good standing as of May 4 of the application year) who will act as your Sponsor.**
- Be accepted for enrollment in a two or four-year college or university in any program of study.**

**Applications must be received by your Sponsor's Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair no later than the end of the day, May 4, 2026. Contact information for Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairs can be found at <https://neswana.org/Programs>.**

**The chapter will evaluate all applications and nominate applicants to the Nebraska SWANA scholarship committee no later than June 2, 2026 Your application must be submitted via email to Nebraska SWANA's application form. Nebraska SWANA's awards will be announced during summer 2026.**

**We look forward to receiving your application. Best of luck in the next stage of your education.**

**Sincerely,**

**Lori Calub & Jeff Selden**

**Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter**

**Scholarship Co-chairs**



# Application Information

## I. AWARDS:

Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter intends to give up to three awards annually. Top award will be forwarded to International SWANA for the Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program, if and when SWANA provides this scholarship again. There is no Grant H. Flint Scholarships being awarded during 2026.

## II. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply for one of Nebraska SWANA's Scholarships, you must satisfy all three requirements:

- Be a graduating high school senior or have an equivalent level of education from a Nebraska or South Dakota high school.
- Be the natural, adopted, or stepchild or grandchild of a Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter member (in good standing as of May 4 of the application year) who will act as your Sponsor.
- Be accepted for enrollment in a two or four-year college or university in any program of study.

SWANA student members, SWANA employees, and their family members are not eligible to apply for Category I Scholarships. Beyond those exceptions, SWANA pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to this program.

## III. DEADLINES:

- May 4—All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by the Scholarship Chairperson for the Chapter in which your Sponsor is a member.
- June 2—Chapters complete their evaluations. Top nomination for the SWANA Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program will be forwarded to Scholarship Committee, if applicable .
- June/July – Chapter scholarship winners are announced.
- July/August—SWANA scholarship winners are announced.



# Application Information

## IV. CRITERIA:

The Scholarship Committee evaluates the Scholarship applications on the following basis:

Academics = 40% of your total score

SWANA's Scholarship Committee considers past academic performance an important selection criterion. Your application must provide enough information to allow the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your academic performance. Here is a list of **REQUIRED** and **OPTIONAL** materials used in evaluating Academic performance.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed.

This transcript may be an official or PDF copy of your high school transcript, but it is required to be attached to the application you provide to the Chapter. The transcript must provide marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance when measured on the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0). An example of one possible measure satisfying this request for US based students is grade point average (GPA). SWANA acknowledges that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures *documented by the transcript*.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a copy of your acceptance letter to the college or university you will attend.

Your acceptance letter must be attached to the application provided to the Chapter. Failure to provide this documentation is an *automatic disqualification* from further consideration in the Scholarship Program. The name of the college/university will be referenced on the award check issued by NE-SWANA or SWANA.

- **OPTIONAL:** Academic achievement, awards, and honors

If applicable, attach documentation of other academic performance and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance that will help the Scholarship Committee evaluate your application.

- **OPTIONAL:** Scores from standardized tests

These items are useful to the Scholarship Committee if included, but may not be relevant to all geographic areas.

» **ACT score.** Include a copy of the test return you received or, if you wish to have your score released directly to SWANA, use ACT Code Number 7998 for SWANA Scholarship.

» **SAT score.** Include a copy of the test return you received, or if you wish to have your score released directly to SWANA, use SAT Institution Code: 7935, Institution Name: FLINT INTRNTL SCHLR



# Application Information

## Extracurricular Activities = 25% of your total score

**Extracurricular activities are activities connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum. Students choose to participate in these as part of their school experience. Examples include, but are not limited to:**

- Athletics on school-sponsored teams
- Music, drama, debate, and similar performance-related participation
- School-sponsored clubs
- Tutoring other students

**Describe your participation, including your level of involvement, role, and when it occurred (number of school years, seasons, etc.). Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.**

## Community Activities and Citizenship = 25% of your total score

**Community activities are programs offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. Examples include but are not limited to:**

- Groups and volunteer activities sponsored by faith-based organization (e.g., participation in youth study and activity groups)
- Local community organizations (meal delivery, organized park clean-up, election volunteer, etc.)
- Coaching or officiating youth sports (e.g., Little League, youth soccer programs, etc.)
- High school ROTC participation or military service
- Employment

**Describe what you did and how often you participated. Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application**

## Essay = 10% of your total score

- **REQUIRED: Applicants must write a short, original essay about the topic included in Question 8**

**The Committee will consider:**

- » Relevance to the identified topic
- » Clarity and organization of the work
- » Grammar and punctuation
- » Accuracy and originality

**SWANA considers each essay for its potential as a blog post on social media, regardless of selection for a Scholarship.**



# Application Information

## Financial Need—not weighted

- **OPTIONAL:** Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration during its deliberation. Some chapters may also consider financial need in their review of applications. *Please do not attach forms that contain confidential personal information.*

## Disqualification

**Applying is not a guarantee of funding. The Scholarship Committee may disqualify an application for any of the following reasons.**

- **Applicant fails to meet the May 4 deadline for submitting the application to the Chapter.**
- **Chapter fails to provide its recommendations to SWANA by the June 2 deadline. This does not apply to Chapter's scholarship award.**
- **Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the coming semester.**
- **Applicant does not provide all REQUIRED documentation identified above.**
- **Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person or ChatGPT or similar AI writing.**
- **Application is not legible.**
- **Application is not signed by the applicant and Sponsor where indicated.**

**Questions? We realize there Questions? We realize there may be questions that aren't answered by this overview.**

**Please direct your questions to your Chapter's Scholarship Chairperson.**



# Application Information

## 1. Applicant Information

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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email Address</b>		

## 2. Sponsoring SWANA Member

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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>
<b>Relationship to Applicant</b>	<b>SWANA Chapter</b>		

## 3. High School./Entity Issuing the Diploma and/or Transcript

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<b>Name of School</b>			
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>
<b>Phone</b>			

## 4. College/University Information

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<b>Name of School</b>			
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>
<b>Planned Major</b>			

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How do you think your planned major might fit into a career in resource management?



# Application Information

## 5. Academics = 40% of total score

Required:

- Attach your transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed. To aid the Committee’s review, indicate your cumulative mark or GPA and identify the scale used (e.g., 4.0 on a 4.0 scale), if applicable.**

Applicant’s GPA or cumulative score

Maximum in the scoring/scale used

Required

- Attach a copy of your college/university acceptance letter.**

Optional/If Available

- Attach documentation of any other academic performance, awards, or recognition and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider.**
- If available, identify scores from any standardized tests and attach a copy of the test return.**

ACT Score

SAT Score

## 6. Extracurricular Activities = 25% of total score

Required:

- Complete and sign or verify the attached page describing your involvement in extracurricular school activities, if any.**
- Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in extracurricular school activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.**

## 7. Community Activities = 25% of total score

Required:

- Complete the attached page describing your involvement in any community (non-school) programs or activities. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in community activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.**



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## 8. Essay Question = 10% of total score

Required:

- Attach a one-page essay about the role some aspect of solid waste management (e.g., education, recycling, food waste recovery, composting, landfilling, etc.) plays in addressing an environmental issue currently in the news. What are the responsibilities of individuals who generate the waste (including producers/manufacturers and consumers) versus the professionals tasked with managing the waste?**

## 9. Financial Need

**You may attach a short statement of your financial need, describing how this scholarship will help offset tuition and related expenses and listing any other scholarships or educational funding received to-date. Please do not attach forms or other documented containing confidential personal information.**

## 10. Signatures

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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Signature of SWANA Sponsor

Date



# Extracurricular Activities

**Please describe your participation (connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum), including the name of the activity, how long or how frequently (the seasons or years) you participated, and what you did. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.**

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**Activity**

**Duration & frequency**

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**How did you participate?**

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# Extracurricular Activities

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**Duration & frequency**

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**How did you participate?**

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**How did you participate?**

**I verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.**

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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

# Community Activities & Scholarship



Programs or participation offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. This also includes military participation and employment. Please describe what you did and how long/how often you participated.

Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

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**Activity**

**Duration & frequency**

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**What did you do? How did you participate?**

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# Community Activities & Scholarship



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**What did you do? How did you participate?**

**I verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.**

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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

**Nebraska SWANA Cornhusker Chapter Scholarship Awards  
Checklist**



**Have you filled out and attached the following documents to complete your scholarship application?**

**Required**

- High school transcript**
- Copy of your acceptance letter to college or university**
- Complete, signed extracurricular activities form**
- Complete, signed community activities and citizenship form**
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 8**

**Applicant Specific**

- Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors**

**Optional/If Available**

- Scores from any standardized testing**

**11. Return your completed application to your Chapter Scholarship Chair by May 4, 2026.**

**12. Visit <https://neswana.org/> for more information.**