



Florida Section
AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
A S S O C I A T I O N

Student Travel and Funding Guidelines (8/2012)

Mission Statement

In agreement with the mission statement of the Education Committee of the A&WMA, the Florida Section promotes education and student involvement by:

1. Developing future personnel educated and trained in the fields of air resources engineering and waste management;
2. Improving the knowledge and skills of members and the public; and
3. Exchanging information to improve environmental knowledge and decisions.

To further our mission, the Florida Section A&WMA (FLA&WMA) Education Committee has decided to provide means by which integration and implementation of college and university related activities within the fields of air and waste management are encouraged. Additionally, this committee hopes to foster the professional development of student members and enhance the role of Student Chapters of the FLA&WMA through the sponsorship of a student program at the Annual FLA&WMA Conference. This includes a student paper/poster /presentation contest, a student environmental challenge, development of various student activities, and facilitation of communication between Student Chapters.

With this in mind, the FLA&WMA will provide funding for students in order to:

- Promote membership and involvement for long-term future growth of the Association;
- Reward students for excellence in research;
- Promote participation of students in FLA&WMA events; and
- Encourage more equal participation in air and waste management activities among Florida's universities.

Funding Policy

Requirements

The following are requirements that must be met by an individual in order to be considered for travel funding to an event/conference.

1. Must be a member of A&WMA (student membership information can be found online at www.flawma.com/students).
2. Must be enrolled (any level) at an academic institution in the state of Florida for the academic school year that you are planning to travel (course schedule must be provided for each individual as proof and attached to either the CRT or STR forms).
3. For groups, must successfully complete both the Conference Registration & Travel Funding Request (CRT) and Student Travel Roster (STR) forms.
4. Forms must be submitted no less than 60 days before an in-state event will be attended. Similarly, these forms must be submitted no less than 90 days before an out-of-state event will be attended.
5. An individual or group must carefully explain how their attendance at the event/conference will benefit the FLA&WMA, along with their respective academic institution on the CRT form.
6. If conducting either a platform or poster presentation and funding is received, the FLA&WMA logo should be displayed (if possible) in the acknowledgements (can be found online at www.flawma.com/students).

Disbursement Guidelines

The following are the general funding distribution guidelines broken down hierarchically by the FLA&WMA, depending on the activity that a student will be participating in.

*****Please note** that the funding levels identified below are the maximum funds available for distribution. The FLA&WMA reserves the right to distribute (or not distribute) funds, regardless of whether a student meets all listed requirements.

Individual Funding (maximum)

(1) In-State (e.g., Florida Section A&WMA Annual Conference)

- Presentation - \$75.00
- Poster/Design Competition - \$50.00
- General Attendance - \$25.00

(2) Out-of-State (e.g., A&WMA International Annual Conference and Exhibition)

- Presentation - \$300.00
- Poster/Design Competition - \$200.00
- General Attendance - \$100.00

Group Funding

- The individual allocation amounts still apply to students in a group; however, a group of students from the same academic institution are only eligible for a maximum of \$500.00 for in-state and \$1,500.00 for out-of-state travel funding, regardless of the number of individuals that apply and attend.

Changes to this policy may be considered by the FLA&WMA Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.