

# ***Air & Waste Management Association Midwest Section***

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## **Thomas E. Murphy Scholarship Trust Fund**

### **Scholarship Application Hints**

Over the years the Thomas E. Murphy Scholarship committee has received a number of scholarship applications. Some were good, some not so good. In order to present your application in the best light, the Thomas E. Murphy Scholarship committee offers the following suggestions:

1. **Application Completeness.** Read through the application instructions thoroughly. All eight sections must be completed and submitted to the scholarship committee by the due date.
2. **Be Detailed.** The committee trustees would like to know what you are going to study and what you want to do when you are done. Be as specific as possible. In Section Two, describe the program you are in (or program you plan to enroll in). Consider answering the following questions:
  - a. Which school and degree did you choose?
  - b. Why did you choose this institution over other schools or programs?
  - c. What course work will be required? A table or list of the classes you plan to take would be helpful.
  - d. What elective courses or programs will you use? Why will these courses help you achieve your goal?

In Section Three, describe what you want to do after you graduate. Again, be as specific as possible. For example if you would like to work in government, include what area: air pollution enforcement, threatened and endangered species field surveys, etc. Include why you want to go into these fields as opposed to other fields.

3. **Letters of Recommendations.** Ask that letters of recommendation include what you have done academically that is preparing you for work in the environmental field. Academic preparation can include direct environmental studies as well as other related disciplines such as statistics, technical writing, or project management.

The trustees of the Thomas E. Murphy scholarship wish you good luck. Please contact us if you have any questions:

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