



February 24, 2010

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Air & Waste Management Association's Midwest Section Scholarship Program.

To ensure adequate human resources and to improve knowledge and skills in the fields of air and waste management, the Association provides financial support to qualifying graduate students.

The Midwest Section will be awarding \$2,000 in a scholarship for the 2010/2011 academic year.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions about the program, contact the Air & Waste Management Association's Midwest Section Scholarship Committee Chair, Mr. Ralph Keller at RMK Consultants, 816-363-1409.

*Mr. Steve Fishman
Chair
Air & Waste Management Association
Midwest Section*



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**Thomas E. Murphy Scholarship
Trust Fund**

The Midwest Section of the Air & Waste Management Association has established a scholarship for graduate students studying in the environmental field in memory of a long-time member, Thomas E. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy was the Manager of Environmental, Health and Safety Services at Ash Grove Cement Company, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas. His credentials included:

- Certified in Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene by American Board of Industrial Hygiene*
- B.S. - Chemistry and Biology, Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri*
- M.S. - Industrial Hygiene, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri*
- Member of the Air & Waste Management Association*
- Member of American Chemical Society (ACS) and was an elected counselor of the Kansas City Section*
- Member of American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)*
- Member of ASTM Committee D34, Waste Management*
- Past Chairman of the National Lime Association's Regulatory Compliance Committee*
- Member of the Safety and Health Subcommittee of the American Portland Cement Alliance*

Mr. Murphy's employer, Ash Grove Cement Company, has made a donation to the scholarship trust fund in his honor.

Application Information

Eligibility: *Individuals must be full or part-time graduate students pursuing a course of study and research at the start of the 2010/2011 academic year leading to careers in environment related studies. The Scholarship is only a one-year award. To qualify for a second year, individuals must reapply.*

Application: *Application materials must be postmarked by July 1, 2010 and sent to Mr. Ralph Keller at RMK Consultants. Only complete application packets postmarked on or before the July 1 deadline, including all of the sections described below, will be considered.*

Section 1 **Application Cover Sheet**
See form enclosed.

Section 2 **Plan of Study**
Outline plan of study. Indicate choice(s) of institution and major. A suggested program of courses and/or interests is optional.

Section 3 **Statement of Professional Goals**
Provide a statement of professional goals. Indicate both preferred career after receiving graduate degree and long-term goals.

Section 4 **Transcripts**
Enclose transcripts from baccalaureate and higher degree(s). An original should be enclosed with two (2) copies.

Section 5 **Certificate of Acceptance by Graduate School**

Section 6 **Toefl or Melab Scores (optional)**
Enclose a copy of these test scores if your first language is not English.

Section 7 **Extracurricular Activities**
Describe your participation in professional and community activities including: part-time and full-time experience, volunteer community participation, professional society participation, honors and awards received, undergraduate and graduate scholarships, professional registration/certification status.

Section 8 Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation should be completed to support an application. These letters should be completed by persons familiar with the applicant's academic record and plans for graduate study. Provide each evaluator with a copy of both sides of the enclosed Scholarship Recommendation Form. The evaluator should return three sets of the Letter of Recommendation and the completed Recommendations Form in sealed envelopes to the applicant. Evaluators should be advised of the application submission deadline of July 1, 2010. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that these letters of recommendations are enclosed with the application at the time of submission to A&WMA. Letters postmarked after the deadline may disqualify an application.

Selection Process: *Awards will be made on the basis of academic record, plan of study, career goals, recommendations, and extracurricular activities without consideration of sex, race, national origin, financial need, age or physical disability. The Scholarship Awards Committee reviews all applications received and its decision is final. (Any attempt to improperly influence members of the Scholarship Awards Committee will automatically result in disqualification.) Announcement of the scholarship awards will be made by July 31, 2010*

Guidelines for Assembling Application Package:

- 1. Include the Section number and title on the top of the first sheet of each Section. (Do not include a separate title page for each section.)*
- 2. Application packages are limited to a total of 20 pages (not counting Letters of Recommendation and Recommendation Forms.)*
- 3. Application packages can be stapled or held together with a binder clip. Three-ring binders or folders are not acceptable.*

Mailing Instructions:

- 1. Send three copies of the application package.*
- 2. Attach sealed envelopes with Letters of Recommendation and Recommendation Forms in each set.*
- 3. Send the three complete sets to:*
Scholarship Program, A&WMA - Midwest Section
c/o Mr. Ralph Keller
RMK Consultants
6009 Central
Kansas City, MO 64113
- 4. If you would like a written confirmation that your complete package was received, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.*

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY July 1, 2010

Application Cover Sheet

Please Type or Print

General Information

Name (last)

(First)

(Middle)

Social Security Number

Mailing Address

City, State, Postal Code

Citizenship

Telephone Number

Best time to be reached

FAX Number

E-Mail Address

Educational Background

Undergraduate Degree(s) and Major

Institution

Date of Degree

MS Degree (pursuing or completed)

Major Department

Thesis Title (if known or applicable)

Institution

Date of Degree (if applicable)

PhD Degree Pursuing

Major Department

Thesis Title (if known)

Institution

Anticipated Completion Date

General Information

Concurrent Funding, Present (if applicable)

Concurrent Funding, Future (if applicable)

Date	Signature
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Recommendation Form

Dear Evaluator:

The individual named on the back of this page is applying for an Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) scholarship and has asked you to evaluate his/her ability to do graduate work, character traits, and potential for professional success.

We request that your letter of recommendation include the length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Your evaluation of the individual and his/her credentials should include but not be limited to: intellectual ability, initiative, oral and written expression, motivation, emotional maturity, dependability, creativity, flexibility, and known professional and community contributions. Discuss any particular strengths and weaknesses that the individual has.

In addition, please fill out the back of this sheet. It will provide us with objective guidelines to follow when ranking candidates in different areas. If you are recommending more than one student for this award program, we request that you differentiate and rank your students accordingly. We know that you will appreciate the difficulty of evaluating many excellent applications, and hope that you will provide us with a candid appraisal of this individual.

Your assistance in helping us get better acquainted with the applicant and his/her credentials is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the program, please direct them to: Ralph Keller, RMK Consultants, 816-363-1409.

Thank You,

A&WMA Scholarship Awards Committee

Please make three copies of the completed Recommendation Form and your Letter of Recommendation. Return copies to the applicant in three sealed envelopes. Each envelope should include the applicant's name and your return address.

Please ensure delivery of the recommendation to the applicant so that his/her completed application may be postmarked by July 1, 2010. Letters postmarked after July 1, 2010 may be disqualified.

Recommendation Form (Continued)

Applicant Name

Degree Pursuing

Evaluator Name

Company/Institution

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Best Time to Reach

E-Mail Address

Signature

Date

On a scale of 1-10 (1-lowest; 10 highest) please rank this applicant in each of the following categories:

As Degree Candidate _____

Potential for Success _____

As Researcher _____

*As Compared to Other Students
You Have Taught* _____

Professional Contributions _____

*As Compared to Other Students
You Are Evaluating (if applicable)* _____

Additional Comments:
