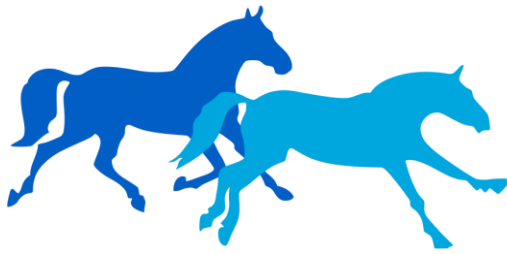


**SWANA**  
Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

**SCHOLARSHIP &  
RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

*“Investing in Kentucky’s Waste & Recycling Workforce”*



# SWANA

## Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

Dear Members and Community Partners,

We are excited to introduce the 2026 SWANA Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter Scholarship & Member Recognition Program—a new initiative designed to support the future of our industry and recognize the outstanding individuals who make it strong today.

This program reflects our commitment to investing in education, workforce development, and leadership within Kentucky’s solid waste and recycling community.

For 2026, we are proud to offer the following opportunities:

- **Academic Scholarship** – Supporting students pursuing higher education in environmental and waste-related fields
- **CDL Scholarship** – Assisting individuals entering the workforce through commercial driver training
- **Mechanics/Technician Scholarship** – Supporting those pursuing careers in equipment maintenance and repair
- **Member of the Year Recognition** – Honoring a chapter member for exceptional leadership, service, and impact

We encourage students, industry professionals, and members to apply or submit nominations. Full details and application materials are included with this announcement.



**Application Deadline: May 15, 2026**

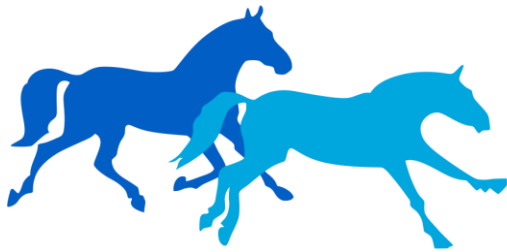


**Submission Email: [scholarships@kyswana.com](mailto:scholarships@kyswana.com)**

All completed applications and nominations should be submitted via email by the deadline. We look forward to reviewing your submissions and celebrating the achievements and future leaders of our industry.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter and our shared mission to advance sustainable waste management practices across the Commonwealth.

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### *Academic Scholarship*

**Purpose:** Support students pursuing higher education related to environmental science, engineering, waste management, or public administration.

**Eligibility:**

- High school seniors or current college students enrolled in an accredited institution.
- Must be a Kentucky resident.
- Preference given to those pursuing a degree relevant to the solid waste or environmental sectors.
- Affiliation with a SWANA member (self or immediate family) is preferred but not required.

**Requirements:**

- Completed application form.
- 500-word essay on why waste and recycling matter for Kentucky's future.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor, or employer.
- Current transcript with GPA (minimum 3.0 preferred).

**Award Amount:** \$1,000–\$2,000

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**Application: Academic Scholarship**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School/College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major (or intended major):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you or a family member a SWANA member?**

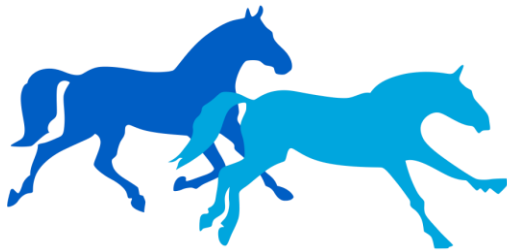
Yes  No If yes, name and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay (Attach separately):** "Why waste and recycling matter for Kentucky's future" (500 words)

**Letter of Recommendation:** (Attach from teacher, advisor, or employer)

**Transcript:** (Attach most recent transcript)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### ***CDL Scholarship***

**Purpose:** Assist individuals in obtaining a Commercial Driver's License to fill critical roles in the waste industry.

**Eligibility:**

- Kentucky residents aged 18+ pursuing a CDL for solid waste operations.
- Must show interest or employment in the waste/recycling industry.

**Requirements:**

- Completed application form.
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance into a certified CDL training program.
- One letter of recommendation (preferably from a current or past employer).
- 250-word statement of career goals in the industry.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$2,000 (reimbursed upon successful licensure or paid directly to program)

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**Application: CDL Scholarship**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Employer (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

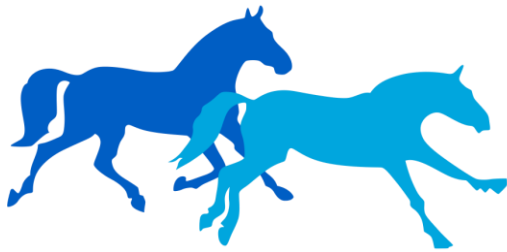
**Certified CDL Program Enrolled In or Accepted To:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation Letter:** (Attach from current/past employer or instructor)

**Career Statement (Attach separately):** "My career goals in the waste and recycling industry" (250 words)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### ***Mechanics/Technician Scholarship***

**Purpose:** Support individuals attending trade or technical schools for diesel mechanics, equipment repair, or maintenance roles.

**Eligibility:**

- Current or prospective students in a Kentucky-based vocational or technical program.
- Demonstrated interest in working in waste operations or fleet maintenance.

**Requirements:**

- Completed application.
- Proof of program enrollment.
- Resume or brief background summary.
- 250-word essay: "How I plan to keep Kentucky's waste industry running."

**Award Amount:** \$1,500

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#### ***Application: Mechanics/Technician Scholarship***

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocational/Trade School Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

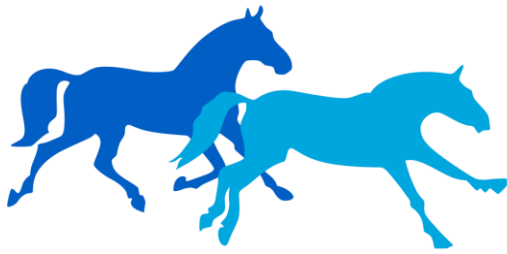
**Program Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expected Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay (Attach separately):** "How I plan to keep Kentucky's waste industry running" (250 words)

**Resume or Background Summary:** (Attach)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### ***Member of the Year Recognition***

**Purpose:** Recognize a SWANA Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter member who has shown outstanding commitment, leadership, and impact in the industry.

**Eligibility:**

- Active chapter member in good standing for at least 1 year.
- Nomination by a peer or self-nomination with supporting references.

**Requirements:**

- Completed nomination form with detailed accomplishments.
- 1–2 letters of support.
- Description of contributions to SWANA, local community involvement, or innovations in waste management.

**Award:**

- Recognition plaque at annual meeting
  - \$500 donation to a charity of the recipient's choice (or local education program)
  - Complimentary registration to the next SWANA regional event
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**Nomination Form: Member of the Year Recognition**

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years of SWANA Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Contact Info (Phone/Email):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Accomplishments (Attach separately):** Outline of the nominee's contributions to the chapter, the industry, and/or community.

**Letters of Support:** (Attach 1–2 letters)

**Preferred Charity for \$500 Donation (if selected):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature (Nominator):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_